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**Portrait of Hester, Lady
Godfrey c.1635; Attributed to
Theodore Russell.**

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA442733

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 42 cm (16.5")

Width = 37 cm (14.6")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

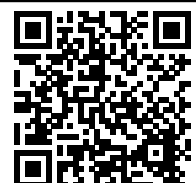
Description

Oil on canvas in an ebonised frame which enhances the jewel like quality of this glowing portrait. The sitter in this beautiful portrait looks out with a candid gaze, there is a strong sense of intimacy and insight. A small portrait of this size was probably painted for her parents and was known as a cabinet picture. At this period a 'cabinet' was a small, intimate and private room where treasured possessions were kept, only very close friends were permitted to enter. HESTER, LADY GODFREY (1622-1699) was the daughter of Sir John Wyld of Kent. She married Thomas Godfrey of Lyd, knighted in 1641. Sir Thomas bought the manor of Heppington in 1640; he died in 1684. There were no children to the marriage. Hester lived to be 77 and is buried in the 12th century St. Mary's Church, Nackington, Kent, as is her husband. Nackington is a small village south of Canterbury. THEODORE RUSSELL (THEODORE RUSSELL) 1614-1689. Aliases: Theodore Rousel; Theodore Rousseel; Theodore Roussel; Theodore Russel. Born in London, his father, Nicasius, was a goldsmith and jeweller, who left Bruges for England about 1573 and settled in the parish of St Anne, Blackfriars, London; his second wife, The...

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