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Portrait of Sarah Wollaston
c.1726; Circle of Sir Godfrey
Kneller (1646–1723)

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA443484

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 94 cm (37.0")

Width = 82 cm (32.3")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

Oil on canvas. In this charming portrait the artist has illustrated the youthful sitter in a striking oyster satin dress and within a simple feigned oval. The sitter is Sarah Wollaston who was a daughter of Daniel Waldo and Anne (Hannah) Mercer (married 1707). Sarah was born in Cheapside (London) in April 1708. She married Israel Wollaston (1701-1765), who descended from an ancient family seated in Staffordshire, and was a respectable solicitor in Chancery Lane (London). Their marriage was in 1726 when Sarah was 18 years old and it is most likely that the portrait was commissioned to celebrate this marriage. Together the couple had more than 20 children but they all died young. In the 1806 "Obituaries and Anecdotes of Remarkable Persons" of The Gentleman's Magazine, and Historical Chronicle, Volume 76, Part 1 Sarah was described as "quite a character but a respectable one, and respectably connected". It accounted that she had remembered the building of the Assembly House at Wanstead (which was one of England's most magnificent Palladian houses rivalling a royal palace and was known as the "English Versailles") and she attended its opening in 1725. At the opening ...

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