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Portraits of the Leggat Family of Yorkshire, c.1780; Provincial Artist. (William Routh)

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA524861****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 86 cm (33.9")

Width = 72 cm (28.3")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

Three oils on canvas of the Leggat family, in carved and gilded frames. These are utterly charming images of a prosperous middle class family. It is rare for the group to have remained together for about 250 years and is nearly always the sign that the portraits have remained within the family. Husband Peter wears a rose in his buttonhole and carries a stick which appears to be of a ceremonial type. Clearly these items are of significance, but their meaning is not known. His wife Sarah, is dressed in a very fashionable and expensive manner. The flowers to her left are not just ornamental but signify her fruitfulness as a mother. The children, Jane and Elizabeth, also expensively dressed, are shown with a basket of flowers and a dog. Again, these are symbols; the dog may have been a pet but it also represents trust and faithfulness, and is a reminder that, as animals need to be trained, so do children. The flowers are for their future fruitfulness in marriage. In the background can be seen a fortified manor house, probably their home but also representing their ancient family history. The walls around it seem to be of Yorkshire drystone walling. The family have always bel...

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