

SA550060

Portrait of Captain Henry Withypoll, 1637; Studio of van Honthorst.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA550060****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 95 cm (37.4")

Width = 82 cm (32.3")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This is a high quality portrait, oil on canvas, in a fine carved and giltwood 18th century frame. The painting bears the inscription "Capitaie Henerij Whitipol . Major(?) An. 1637" The inscription has been examined under UV light and, although strengthened, looks original. The fashionably moustached sitter looks out at us proudly, wearing an officer's silk sash of rank over his armour. The WITHYPOLLS were a family of very rich merchant adventurers with interests in Bristol and Genoa. Based in Ipswich, owning Christchurch Mansion, now the art gallery. Sir Edmund Withypoll married Frances, daughter of Sir William Cornwallis of Broke. Eldest son Sir William (about whom much online); younger son Henry or Harry, baptised Brome 26 Aug 1602. Between 1646 and 1652 Henry married Mary, daughter of Sir Robert Carey. His wife's family were much involved in the Netherlands on behalf of the States General. A letter survives dated 10 Jan 1638, Breda, endorsing Capt. Withypoll. And in 1646 he was described as "residing mostly in Holland where he has a company of soldiers under him". In 1648 he was elevated to the rank of Major in the English regiments in the service of the Dut...

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