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Portrait of Hannah Maria
Offley, signed & dated 1757;
Joseph Samuel Webster (? -
1796)

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA557887

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 145 cm (57.1")

Width = 120 cm (47.2")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This exquisite and beautiful portrait is notable for its striking shimmering and luminosity of colour. This type of elegant portrait was popular in 18th century Britain and the with skill evident in this example, it is not surprising that the artist trained under one of the most successful and popular artists at the time, Thomas Hudson. Hannah Maria Offley (born 7th June 1740) was the granddaughter of Stephen Offley (1671-1727) of Norton Hall (see photo), who was Sheriff of Derbyshire in 1716. Upon the death of her brother in 1754 his estates, including Norton Hall, were divided between his sister Urith and Hannah (Urith's married the industrialist Samuel Shore, who is closely related to Florence Nightingale). Three years later, this portrait was painted, when Hannah was only 17 years old. On 18th June 1767 Hannah married Francis Edmunds (1738-c.1821) of Worsborough Yorkshire. The modelling of the figure and the treatment of the blue silk with the way in which it reflects light is very accomplished and the colouring and the graceful pose, deriving from artists such as van Dyck, is striking. This is a fine example of British 18th century portraiture and it was chose...

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