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Portrait of Lady Anne Clifford,
Countess of Dorset and
Countess of Pembroke and
Montgomery (1590-1676)
c.1618; Circle of Paul Van
Somer (c.1577 - c.1621)

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA557891****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 99 cm (39.0")

Width = 79 cm (31.1")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

Lady Anne Clifford was a lady of the court of Queen Anne and a favourite of Elizabeth I as a child, a formidable noblewoman who lived in the very centre of the social, political, and cultural life of the nation. A tragic heroine, she lost her kingdom and three children. She was Countess of Pembroke, Dorset, and Montgomery by marriage and by birth Baroness Clifford, Westmorland, and Vesey, Lady of the Honour of Skipton in Craven, and the High Sheriffess of Westmorland. At her death she was the wealthiest noblewoman in England by some accounts. She spent much of her life in a long and complex legal battle to obtain the rights of her inheritance. Her fascinating story is known through a huge array of writing and accounts that she compiled throughout her entire life. These accounts provide a rare and interesting glimpse into life during the 17th century and are immensely important. She describes the deaths of kings and queens, civil wars, the Great Plague, and the Great Fire of London. She commissioned numerous portraits, including two large triptychs and works of family history. She sat to Larkin, van Somer, and Van Dyke (and possibly Marcus Gheeraerts the Younger, ...

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