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Portrait of John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough (1650-1722) c.1695; Charles d'Agar (1669–1723)

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Item Reference: SA653679

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 146 cm (57.5")

Width = 122 cm (48.0")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

This exquisite work formed part of the family collection of the Viscounts Bolingbroke at their magnificent family seat Lydiard Tregoze (see photo), originally built in 1420. The portrait descended in the family to Vernon Henry St John, 6th Viscount Bolingbroke, 7th Viscount St John. Prior to that it is thought to have descended from the sitter via Charles Spencer, 3rd Duke of Marlborough to his daughter, Lady Diana Spencer, who married Frederick St. John, 2nd Viscount Bolingbroke. The young sitter in this exquisite large-scale portrait is John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough, 1st Prince of Mindelheim, 1st Count of Nellenburg, Prince of the Holy Roman Empire. Churchill was an English soldier and statesman whose career spanned the reigns of five monarchs. As de facto leader of Allied forces in the Low Countries, his victories at Blenheim (1704), Ramillies (1706), Oudenarde (1708), and Malplaquet (1709), ensured his place in history as one of Europe's great generals. From a gentry family, he served first as a page at the court of the House of Stuart under James, Duke of York, through the 1670s and early 1680s, earning military and political advancement through his...

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