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Portrait of a Young Boy of the Townshend family, by Charles Jervas.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA673238****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 90.5 cm (35.6")

Width = 82 cm (32.3")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

Oil on canvas in a fine carved and giltwood period frame. This is a charming portrait of a boy indulging in the sport of archery, considered an appropriate pastime for a young aristocrat. Over the years the name of the sitter and the artist had been forgotten; the portrait was described as 'English School, a boy as Cupid'. Once a picture hanging support was removed from the back an old handwritten label saying TOWNSHEND HEIRLOOMS was visible. There were two great sales of pictures from Raynham Hall, Norfolk, seat of the Marquess and Marchioness Townshend, the second was conducted by Sotheby's on the 14th June, 1911. Library Ireland, in 1913, mentions Charles Jervas, in a list of his 'principal paintings', as having created 'Boy with Bow and Arrows, standing in a Landscape', and it being sold in the Townshend Heirlooms sale of 1911. There is little doubt that this is that painting by Jervas. The sitter is most probably a member of the Townshend family. Charles Townshend is the most likely. He became 3rd Viscount Townshend of Raynham and was born on 11 July 1700. He was the son of Charles Townshend, 2nd Viscount Townshend of Raynham and Hon. Elizabeth Pelham. He married Aud...

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