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Circle of Marcus Gheeraerts the Younger, c. 1561/62 – 1636
Portrait of Sir Francis Drake
c.1540 – 1596, Naval Officer
Explorer, Privateer & Slave
Trader

Price

GBP 6,500

| USD \$8,801 | EUR 7,606

Item Reference: SA678041**Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 26 cm (10.2")

Width = 22 cm (8.7")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

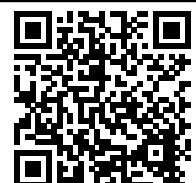
Circle of Marcus Gheeraerts the Younger, c. 1561/62 – 1636 Portrait of Sir Francis Drake c.1540 – 1596, Naval Officer Explorer, Privateer & Slave Trader oil on oak panel 26 x 21.5 cm. (10.1/2 x 8.3/4 in.) Christies Stenci on ther reverse Notes Drake, Sir Francis (1540–1596), pirate, sea captain, and explorer, was born about February or March 1540 in Crowndale, near Tavistock, Devon, the eldest of five known children of Edmund Drake (d. 1566) of Tavistock. Edmund's wife is unknown, though she may have been named Anna Milwaye. Edmund Drake was a shearman (of woollen cloth) at Crowndale, where his family had occupied the same farm for generations. Edmund was almost certainly a priest as well, perhaps one of those deprived of a living during Henry VIII's sequestration of religious property. In 1548 he was involved in a fracas with other clerics and laymen and forced to flee from Devon. Edmund soon gained a royal pardon, and found a place as curate at Upchurch in Kent. He was not an obvious partisan of either side in the religious debates, being Catholic enough to serve as curate at Upchurch in 1553 and protestant enough to be appointed vicar there when Elizabeth became que...

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