

SA731082

Portrait of Tristram(?) Stafford,
1613; Circle of Paul van Somer.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA731082

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 78 cm (30.7")

Width = 63 cm (24.8")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

A good quality oil on oak panel with the coat of arms of the Stafford family upper left, and the inscription " T S Aet Suae 25 Ano 1613" (T S at his age of 25 in the year 1613). Now in a custom made frame of the appropriate type. Verso an old painted inscription "William Stafford Obit 1625" (Died 1625) However, the initials beneath the armorial are T S, not W S. This armorial, marked with a mullet (a small star in the chevron) for difference, appears to have been used by the Staffords of Botham Hall in Derbyshire. Although they also seem to have done relatively little of note, they were an offshoot of the real Staffords and of some substance in the region. As always when needed, there are no parish records prior to 1600, but the Visitation of Derbyshire has the family tree which suggests TRISTRAM STAFFORD as a possible candidate. He also had a first cousin called William who inherited before him, possibly explaining the confusion over names. The Stafford family's earliest known connection to Botham and Mellor can be traced to the marriage of William de Stafford of Botham, near Glossop, to Margaret, daughter of Roger de Mellor of the manor of Mellor, in the fourteenth ce...

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