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Portrait of a Lady of the
Vavasour Family c.1695; By
Thomas Murray (1663–1735)

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA752129

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 95 cm (37.4")

Width = 82 cm (32.3")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

Portrait of a Lady of the Vavasour Family c.1695 By Thomas Murray (1663–1735) The lady depicted in this fine portrait is a member of the Vavasour family - great landowners in Yorkshire for centuries; their history dates back to Norman times. They are featured on the Battle Abbey Roll and their main seat was Hazlewood Castle, near Tadcaster, from the time of the Domesday Book until 1908. The Vavasours are of Anglo-Norman descent and the various branches of the family are said to have descended from William le Vavasour. During the years between the English Reformation up until the Catholic Emancipation, the Vavasours were noted as a recusant family for remaining staunchly Catholic despite being fined numerous times. By showing up at services several times a year and pretending to conform to Anglicanism, they largely escaped persecution and managed to retain their property and wealth. A label on the reverse states that it was the property of Sir H.M. Vavasour, Baronet (either Sir Henry Maghull Mervin Vavasour, 2nd Baronet (1768–1838), or his son Sir Henry Mervin Vavasour, 3rd Baronet (1814–1912). There have been five baronetcies created for persons with the surname Vav...

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