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**Portrait of Sir Henry Gough
c.1675; Circle of John Greenhill.**

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA779392

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 94 cm (37.0")

Width = 81 cm (31.9")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

Oil on canvas in a very fine 17th century carved and giltwood frame. This portrait of Sir Henry Gough has a very direct feel, the sitter looking out with a level gaze; the pose and use of a silk wrap is typical of Greenhill's work and thus the work of artists who were very much influenced by him. The frame is superb, almost certainly the original one, it is hand carved by a master craftsman ... a work of art in its own right. SIR HENRY GOUGH (3 January 1649 – 24 January 1724) of Perry Hall, then in Staffordshire, was an English politician who sat in the House of Commons between 1685 and 1705. Gough was the eldest son of John Gough (died 1665) of Old Fallings and his second wife, Bridget, the daughter of Sir John Astley of Woodeaton, Oxfordshire. He was the elder brother of Sir Richard Gough. He matriculated at Christ Church, Oxford, in 1666 and entered Middle Temple in 1667. He lived at Perry Hall in Staffordshire. He married Mary Littleton, the daughter of Sir Edward Littleton, 2nd Bt., of Pillaton Hall, Staffordshire in 1668. Gough was High Sheriff of Staffordshire for the year 1671 to 1672. In 1678, he was knighted for services his grandfather rendered to Charles I ...

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