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Portrait of King William III, King of Great Britain c.1691; John Riley (1646-1691), Antique oil on canvas painting

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Item Reference: SA875282

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 108 cm (42.5")

Width = 82 cm (32.3")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

This exquisite portrait belonged to a collection of artwork and family heirlooms of the Howard family at Greystoke Castle. Greystoke has over one thousand years of history and a long line of respectable Howards who have owned it since the mid 1500s when Thomas Howard, 4th Duke of Norfolk and Earl Marshall of England acquired the castle by marriage. Today, it is in the possession of the fourteenth generation. The portrait is a superb example of English portraiture and is notable for its fine depiction of the garments and the lace. It was painted by John Riley who was one of England's leading seventeenth century portrait painters and the official painter to King James II, King William and Queen Mary. Held in a marvellous carved and gilded Queen Anne Bolelection style frame, an outstanding work of art in itself. This impressive portrait depicts King William III, sovereign Prince of Orange from birth, Stadtholder of Holland, Zeeland, Utrecht, Guelders, and Overijssel in the Dutch Republic from the 1670s and King of England, Ireland, and Scotland from 1689 until his death in 1702. Painted circa 1691 he wears the chain and badge of the Order of the Garter – it shows St. G...

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