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SOLD....Portrait of Elizabeth Moyra Goff 1902, by Mary Lemon Waller.

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Item Reference: SA92523

Date of manufacture: 1900

Description

Oil on canvas in carved and giltwood Lely style frame. This beautiful portrait of Moyra Goff, aged 5, has immense charm and is of great quality, possibly the most appealing portrait painted by the talented child portraitist Mary Lemon Waller. Signed and dated 1902 bottom right. Moyra's clothes are of late Georgian style and in the presentation of the sitter a clear acknowledgement is made to the famous 18th c. artist Sir Joshua Reynolds' portraits of children. ELIZABETH MOYRA GOFF (1897-1990) was the daughter of Major T.C.E. Goff and Lady Cecile Goff; she had a brother, Thomas Robert Charles Goff O.B.E. (born 1898). The Goffs were descended from William the Conqueror and King William IV was Moyra's great-grandfather on the Goff side: Lady Cecile's maiden name was Heathcote-Drummond-Willoughby of the family of the Earls of Ancaster. Lady Cecile wrote a book 'A Woman of the Tudor Age' about her ancestress Catherine Willoughby Brandon, Duchess of Suffolk (1519-1580). The Goff's home was an early Georgian house, The Courts, Holt, near Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire; now a National Trust property famous for its garden. A fine garden was first laid out by the architect Colo...

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