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Superb pair of portraits, Sir
Howe and Lady Hicks c.1740,
by Henry Pickering.

Price

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Item Reference: SA942007

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 94 cm (37.0")

Width = 81 cm (31.9")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

A superb pair of portraits, almost certainly commissioned to celebrate the wedding of the two sitters. The paintings are in fine condition and in their original carved and giltwood frames. Sir Howe Hicks 6th Baronet (1722-1801) and Martha, Lady Hicks (1717-1802). Howe Hicks was a grandson of Sir Michael Hicks, youngest brother of Sir William Hicks, second baronet. He inherited the baronetcy from his cousin Sir John Baptist Hicks, the 5th baronet, who died without issue. He married Martha Browne, daughter of his guardian the Rev, John Browne, in 1739, and they had 10 children. The Hicks, later Hicks Beach family, descends from Robert Hicks, a textile merchant in London. His third son Baptist Hicks was created Viscount Campden in 1628 and is the ancestor of the Earls of Gainsborough. Robert Hicks's eldest son Sir Michael Hicks was private secretary to William Cecil, 1st Baron Burghley. His only son William Hicks was created a baronet, of Beverston in the County of Gloucester, in the Baronetage of England in 1619. He later represented Marlow and Tewkesbury in the House of Commons. The line of his eldest son, the second Baronet, failed in 1768 on the death of the latter's g...

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