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Portrait of a Lady c.1700;
Follower of Jacob Huysmans
(c.1633–1696), oil on canvas
painting, Coombe Abbey

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA947021

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 42 cm (16.5")

Width = 37 cm (14.6")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

This charming work formed part of a magnificent collection of paintings known as the Craven Collection of the Earls of Craven at their 900-year-old family seat, Coombe Abbey. Cornelia Craven, Countess Craven sold the Abbey after the death of her husband, the 4th Earl of Craven and spent the remainder of her life at Hamstead Lodge, Hamstead Marshall. There, she continued to live in Edwardian elegance taking with her many paintings along with our portrait; this was one of the richest private collections in the country, even containing part of the French crown jewels. Our portrait remained in the family until it was sold in 1968 to pay crippling death duties of two family members. In this intimate picture, painted late 17th or early 18th century, a young woman is represented as an alluring individual. It appears to be a straightforward portrait of a seated woman before a curtain and landscape. A familiar composition for portraits at the time, but the image – and specifically, the long unbound hair and the fingers running through it – bordered on the erotic by contemporary standards. It conveys female sensuality and original audiences would have been aware of this. A p...

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