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Portrait of Rev John Browne c.1740 by Henry Pickering.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA950959****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 96.5 cm (38.0")

Width = 84 cm (33.1")

Depth = 3.5 cm (1.4")

Description

Oil on canvas in a period frame. This is a portrait of that product of the Georgian Age known as a 'squarson'; a member of the landed gentry who was more country squire than vicar. Fond of hunting, drinking and socialising with others of his class .. and somehow fitting in time for Sunday services. Most pastoral work would be passed on to his curate. This is a fine quality insightful portrait typical of Pickering's best work, it was part of the Howes Hicks Collection of family portraits, REV JOHN BROWNE of Salperton Park (born 1668). On the death of Howe Hicks (1689-1727) and his wife Mary Watts (circa 1694-1728) within a twelve month period, their children were taken in by Rev John Browne of Salperton Park. He later became father-in-law to his ward Sir Howe Hicks (1722-1801) and his daughter Martha became Lady Hicks. Literature: 'A Cotswold Family' pp. 266-267 'He is truculent and red of face, with all the impossible truculence and the impossible redness of the Eighteenth Century, and the humour that is undoubtedly there too, gleams coarsely in the middle of it all'. HENRY PICKERING (172 - circa 1775) was a fashionable and gifted portrait artist working in the style of...

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