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Portrait of William Hicks Hicks-Beach 1844, by Henry Calvert.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA957115****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 101.5 cm (40.0")

Width = 86.5 cm (34.1")

Depth = 9 cm (3.5")

Description

Oil on canvas in the very fine original frame. Signed and dated lower left. WILLIAM HICKS HICKS-BEACH (1810-1844). The handsome young sitter of the ancient Hicks -Beach family of Witcombe Park died shortly after this portrait was painted. He was the younger brother of Sir Michael Hicks Hicks Beach, and died unmarried at the age of 33 in 1844; according to a letter to Mrs Emily Susan Hicks Beach from Ellice Hicks Beach, "he strained himself cutting trees in Oakley Park and got, I think, some sort of tumour or internal injury. He was laid up and died in his mother's house in Portman Square [London]". William was intended to inherit the Great Witcombe estate from his first cousin once removed Lady Ann Cromie [nee Hicks], but predeceased her by forty years. He seems to have been a lively, likeable character, and a talented artist; he frequently drew sketches in his letters to family members and in his travel journals, and painted many watercolour views of the places he visited on a tour of the Mediterranean in 1834. HENRY CALVERT (1798-1869) was born in Darlton, near Tuxford, Nottinghamshire. He specialised in sporting and animal paintings but was also known as a portraitist...

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