

Portrait of King James II, oil on canvas, 18th century English School, 75 x 62 cm.



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Current location unknown.

This portrait of James 2nd was sold at the Auction Centre in Kenn North Somerset in 2014.

The portrait was described as follows:

“verso with two 19th century hand written labels relating to the Ashton Court Estate sale of March 2nd 1885. ... Very old re-lining job, probably early to mid-20th century, some areas possible re-touching. General condition consistent with age”

The labels are curious as there are no newspaper reports of sales at Ashton Court around 1885 and such sales were generally widely reported.

In fact, in March 1885 Sir Greville and Lady Emily Smyth were still away on their honeymoon not returning until July of that year.

However, a sale of ‘Old Masters’ at nearby Leigh Court was reported in March 1885.