

Lot 998 Portrait of the Duke of Ormond (on panel) 35 in x 20 in in black and gilt frame.



The current whereabouts of this portrait is unknown.

In the 1947 sale the portrait was sold for £1-10s-0d.

This portrait was one of 7 restored by Frost & Reed of Bristol in 1934 for Esme Smyth at a total cost of £52-10-0d.

Who was the Duke of Ormond?

Lieutenant General James FitzThomas Butler, 1st Duke of Ormond (19th October 1610 – 21st July 1688) was an Anglo-Irish statesman and soldier.

When the English Civil War began in August 1642 he supported the royalists.

During the 1650s he lived in exile with Charles II. After the Stuart restoration in 1660 Ormond became a prominent figure in English and Irish politics.

He was Lord Lieutenant of Bristol from the 22nd December 1660 to 22nd of August 1672.

He died in 1688 and was buried in Westminster Abbey.

As far as we know there is no direct connection to Ashton Court other than James Butler was a contemporary of Florence and Thomas Smyth who were also Royalists.