

Lot 948 Portrait of the Earl of Derby, beheaded October 15, 1651 26in x 22 in.



The current whereabouts of this portrait is unknown.

In the 1947 sale the portrait was sold for £4-10s-0d.

Esme Smyth insured this portrait with the Royal Insurance Company in Bristol in June 1935 for £20.

Who was the Earl of Derby and how was he connected to Ashton Court?

James Stanley, 7th Earl of Derby (born 1607) was prominent Royalist commander in the English Civil War. He was beheaded on October 15th 1651 at Bolton for the part he played in the Bolton Massacre.

His wife was Charlotte de Tremoule who portrait also hung at Ashton Court (see lot 959).

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