

Lot 1045 Portrait of Matthew Smyth, married Jane Tewther, died 1583. 42 in. x 35 in. (on panel) In black and gilt frame.

This portrait of Matthew Smyth appears on several genealogy web-sites.

It has not been possible to discover the location of this portrait or to confirm if it is lot 1045.



Who was Matthew Smyth?

Matthew was born in 1533. He was the son of John Smyth and his wife Joan White.

Matthew married Jane Tewther, the daughter of Thomas Tewther of Ludlow. She apparently brought a fortune to Ashton Court and was connected to the Tudor and Spanish courts.

Matthew had become a respected lawyer and was happy to leave some of the management of the Ashton Court estate to his wife, Jane, when they moved there after the death of his elder brother, Hugh, in 1580.

Matthew died 3 years later on the 10th of June 1583. He is buried at All Saints church, Long Ashton. Jane died in 1594.