

**Lot 941 Portrait of Colonel Rumsey 50in x 39 in very fine carved frame.**



Image: courtesy of Sotheby's.

This portrait, which had been insured for £150 in the 1930s, sold for just £18 in the 1947 sale.

In 2009 this portrait by Jacob Huysmans sold at Sotheby's for £5000 with the following description:

*"Portrait of Colonel John Rumsey (fl. 1660-1686), three-quarter length, wearing armour, standing before a landscape. Inscribed upper left: COLONEL RUMSEY, and further inscribed on a label, verso: no. 63/Sir Upton Greville Smythe [sic]. Bt./1/2 length port. of Colonel Rumsey. Oil on canvas."*

Current location of the portrait is unknown.

**Who was Colonel Rumsey?**

He was a conspirator and close associate of the 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Shaftesbury. Rumsey was one of the leading advocates of the Rye House plot to assassinate Charles II in 1683. Originally a Cornet in Cromwell's Model Army, following the restoration he served as Lieutenant Colonel with English forces in Portugal for seven years under Lord Schomburg, before becoming associated with Shaftesbury in 1670.

**What is his connection to Ashton Court.**

His connection is unknown.