

Esme Smyth's bed.

Esme slept in the Oak Room in a large wooden Italianate bed.



Image: Oak Room (FAM volunteer 2021)

It is not clear if this bed was sold in the 1947 sale. All of the beds which were in the principal bedrooms were listed as '*brass bedsteads*'.

Anton Bantock, a local historian with an interest in Ashton Court, reported that Esme's large wooden Italianate bed was kept at Stradey Castle in Wales, the home of Sir David Mansel Lewis whose mother had been Laetitia Way a cousin of the family.