

Lot 1028 Portrait of Dennis Rolles of Stephenson, Devonshire, 24 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 £6-10s-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.

Esme Smyth insured this portrait with the Royal Insurance Company in Bristol in June 1935 for £50.

Who was Dennis Rolles and what is his connection to Ashton Court?

This portrait is most likely to be of Denys Rolle (1614-1638) of Bickton and Stevenstone in Devon.

Denys Rolle was the 2nd son of Sir Henry Rolle by his wife Anne Denys, a daughter and co-heiress of Thomas Denys by his wife Anne Paulet.

Denys married Margaret Paulet or Poulett, a distant cousin and daughter of John 1st Baron Poulett and his wife Elizabeth Kenn. Margaret was the sister of Florence Poulett who had married Thomas Smyth of Ashton Court.