

Coe Hall Frame Survey

SUSTERMANS

Title: Portrait of a Gentleman
Location: Gallery
Frame Type: Carved wood; Gesso; Gold leaf; Black Lacquer
Maker/Date: Unknown Maker/Date unknown
Examiner: Eric Price

Dimensions: 35 1/2" x 30 1/2"
Moulding Dimensions: 4 3/4"W x 2 1/8"D

Description

The frame appears to be a reproduction of a 17th c. Italian frame. The frame was examined on the wall therefore the type of wood and the joint method could not be observed. The moulding has an outer convex profile with a wide frieze. All ornament is carved wood. The ornament consists of large egg and anchor motif on the convex and foliate scraffito on the frieze. The finish is gold leaf and black lacquer.



Condition

The frame appears to have been refinished. The gold appears to have been coated with a darkened surface coating. There is a grime layer and small gesso losses at the lower right corner.

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Painting Installation

The face of the painting contacts the bare wood rabbet.

Treatment Recommendations

Remove grime. Consolidate unstable gesso and fill losses. Gild and tone repairs. Install the painting properly in the frame.

PRIORITY: LOW

TIME COMMITMENT: LOW - 20 Hours