

A rare embroidered portrait of King Charles I, created with the sitter's hair

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Short Description

This miniature portrait of King Charles the First, who reigned from 1625 to 1649, is a masterwork of delicate and naturalistic embroidery. The portrait depicts the King wearing doublet, lace collar and sash of the Garter. The portrait is stitched with the hair from the King's head , and set in the original turned pear wood frame

Commemorative portraits depicting royalty were usually produced after the monarch's death, but were occasionally available during their lifetime. This miniature would not intentionally have been worn like other commemorative portraits, but rather displayed in a cabinet or upon a wall as a demonstration of loyalty.

Commemorative portrait, in the form of rings, locketts or hair clasps, was produced in great numbers after Charles' execution on 30 January 1649.

More Information

Year	Circa 1650
Condition	The frame has split in three places