



Passion for Fashion (103)

20th November 2017

Lot 99

Estimate: £5000 - £9000 +Fees

A fine pair of men's embroidered white kid gloves, 1600-20, the separately worked and applied deep gauntlet cuffs faced in white satin embroidered in silver thread and sequins with raised work arabesques and scrolling foliage, edged with silver lace, trimmed with spangles, the fingers and edges outlined in silver thread with French knots roundels over the knuckles, 36cm, 14in long (2)

Provenance: Purchased at Christie's, 16th July 1985, lot 13 for £2,600. The fact that the silver threads have not tarnished is indicative of a very high silver content in the embroidery threads.

Exhibited Royal Archaeological Institute, Local Museum Derby Meeting 1885 by H. Chandos-Pole Gell, no.29. Henry Chandos-Pole Gell inherited the Gell estates from a friend of his father's - Philip Gell, and added the name Gell to his own.

These gloves are believed to have been worn by John Eyre, later Gell, who inherited Hopton Hall, Wirksworth, Co.Derby from his uncle Sir Philip Gell or possibly his son Philip Gell who died in 1793. This Philip was the father of the Philip who left the estates out of the family in 1842 and also of Sir William Gell, celebrated Antiquary described by Byron in a poem as 'Rapid' Gell.