



Passion for Fashion (82)

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Lot 20

Estimate: £3500 - £5500 + Fees

A fine pair of brocaded silk shoes, 1721, of dark green and ivory silk brocade woven with pink and blue carnations, edged in green braid, with white leather rand, pink damask heels, sharply pointed toes, lined in soft tan leather, the tongues backed in Chinese-yellow silk, 25cm, 10in long; together with an excerpt copy of the Kenwick family tree (3)

Provenance: The pattern of the silk is commensurate with the wedding date of the original owner - Miss Mary Oliver Field of Bristol (b.1695, d.1742) who married the Reverend Edward Kenwick in Offenham, Worcs on the 26th December, 1721. She probably had a sumptuous gown to match.

Mary's mother gave her £200 as a wedding present to rebuild the rectory at Atherstone on Stour, Warwickshire (her new husband's parish), a 3-storey doubled fronted Georgian brick building still in existence today. Her husband Edward (b.1694, d.1762) was vicar at Atherstone between 1719 and 1762. The shoes have remained in the family and are being sold by a descendant.