

A late-17th century, silvered, Flemish Mirror from the Maiden's Tower, Leeds Castle

Sold



REF: 10232

Height: 150 cm (59.1")

Width: 84 cm (33.1")

Description

The strapwork, foliate cresting carved with a pair of winged putti holding flower garlands and supporting a basket of flowers and fruits. The frame with a central shield within acanthus leaves bearing the arms of Sir Thomas Culpepper in polychrome which has been recently refreshed.

The frame has stylised acanthus leaves at each corner with garlands of acanthus leaves, flowers and wheat interposed. The plate is a later replacement. General repairs to losses and restoration to gilding.

In the process of having small losses to the silver gilding restored we discovered the arms of Thomas Culpepper underneath overpaint on the shield. We removed this to reveal the arms. Thomas Culpepper lived at Leeds Castle during the late-17th century and it is most likely that this mirror has hung there until recently removed.