

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



James Stanley, Lord Strange, Later Seventh Earl of Derby, with His Wife, Charlotte, and Their Daughter

Anthony van Dyck (Flemish, 1599–1641)

Date ca. 1636

Medium Oil on canvas

Dimensions 97 × 84 1/8 in. (246.4 × 213.7 cm)

Credit Line Henry Clay Frick Bequest

Accession Number 1913.1.40

Currently On View

First Floor, Room 16, East Gallery

Commentary James Stanley, Lord Strange, Earl of Derby, was descended from an ancient land-owning family in the north of England that also ruled the Isle of Man. He married Charlotte de La Trémoille, who was related to some of the most prominent aristocratic defenders of Protestantism in continental Europe. Both played a role in the royalist cause following the outbreak of the civil war, and the earl was eventually beheaded. Here, Lord and Lady Strange form an inverted triangle with one of their daughters, an arrangement of classical simplicity that coexists with an allusive iconographic program. The island in the background may represent the Isle of Man and the color of the young girl's dress her descent from the House of Orange.

Collection History The Earls of Clarendon. Knoedler. Frick, 1913. Source: Paintings in The Frick Collection: American, British, Dutch, Flemish and German. Volume I. New York: The Frick Collection, 1968.