

A painted marble plaque depicting a unicorn

£1,800



REF: 5657

Height: 43 cm (16.9")

Width: 40 cm (15.7")

Description

The unicorn was the crest of the Legh family of Adlington Hall, Cheshire, and this would have been commissioned for the house.

England, circa 1800

Provenance: The Legh family, Adlington Hall, Cheshire

Located just outside of Macclesfield, Adlington Hall is one of the stateliest mansions of Cheshire and remained the ancestral residence of the Legh family since c.1310 until its sale this year.

The great hall, constructed in the county's traditional 'black-and-white' timber-framed style, was built in the mid-15th century, with later additions having been made both to the hall and its contents - including the organ famously played by Handel in the 17th century, the Georgian façade added in the 18th century, as well as the remarkable collection of items acquired by the Legh family throughout the ages. This unicorn was hung in the great hall beneath the organ (see final image in situ).