

Lady St. John of Bletso (c.1615)

William Larkin (active 1610–1620)

In the background of this splendid painting is one of the earliest landscapes in English painting. The St. John family were related to the Blounts by marriage, and this lady dressed so splendidly in mourning is probably Catherine Dormer (d.1615), the widow of John, 2nd Baron St. John of Bletso (d.1596), one of the peers who tried the ill-fated Mary, Queen of Scots.



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