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EMBROIDERED PICTURE PORTRAYING SHAKESPEARE'S CHARACTER FALSTAFF

AN EMBROIDERED SILK PICTURE SHAKESPEARE'S CHARACTER FALSTAFF
THE IMAGE TAKEN FROM A PRINT OF THE LATE 18TH CENTURY
ENGLISH
EARLY 19TH CENTURY
SIZE: 31CM HIGH, 26CM WIDE – 12¼ INS HIGH, 10¼ INS WIDE
37CM HIGH, 33CM WIDE – 14½ INS HIGH, 13 INS WIDE (FRAMED)

LITERATURE

SOMEWHAT OF A BUFFOON, SIR JOHN FALSTAFF IS A CHARACTER IN SHAKESPEARE'S HENRY IV (PARTS 1 & 2) AND THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR. HE IS FAT, WITTY, A LOVER OF SACK WINE AND JESTS, AND SKILLFUL AT TURNING JOKES ON HIMSELF TO HIS OWN ADVANTAGE: 'I AM NOT ONLY WITTY IN MYSELF, BUT THE CAUSE THAT WIT IS IN OTHER MEN' (HENRY IV PART 2 I.II 8 – 9). HE IS ALSO THE SUBJECT OF AT LEAST NINE OPERAS INCLUDING VERDI'S FALSTAFF OF 1893.