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ITALIAN MARBLE BUST OF ST ANNE MOTHER OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AN ITALIAN MARBLE BUST OF ST ANNE MOTHER OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
THE HEAD ONCE FRAMED BY A METAL CROWN
ON VEINED MARBLE SOCCLE
PERHAPS ROME
LATE 17TH CENTURY
SIZE: 38CM HIGH - 15 INS HIGH

LITERATURE

ALTHOUGH NO HISTORICAL DETAILS ARE KNOWN OF ST ANNE'S LIFE, A CHURCH WAS BUILT IN HER HONOUR AT CONSTANTINOPLE BY THE EMPEROR JUSTINIAN AND RELICS WERE TAKEN FROM IT TO JERUSALEM AND ROME, WHERE THERE ARE PICTURES OF HER AT ST MARIA ANTIGUA (8TH CENTURY). IN THE 10TH CENTURY HER FEAST CALLED 'THE CONCEPTION OF ST ANNE' WAS KEPT AT NAPLES AND SOON AFTERWARDS IN ENGLAND AND IRELAND. THE MOST FAMOUS SHRINE IN HER HONOUR IN ENGLAND WAS AT BUXTON.
HER CULT WAS BITTERLY ATTACKED BY LUTHER, ESPECIALLY THE IMAGES REPRESENTING HER WITH JESUS AND MARY FAVOURED BY RENAISSANCE PAINTERS. HER FEAST DAY OF THE 26TH JULY WAS, AND IS STILL, VERY POPULAR IN BRITTANY AND CANADA.