

Farnborough Hall Statuary

Acquisition of an important group of antique sculpture, for retention in situ in Farnborough Hall, Warwickshire. The sculpture was acquired in Italy by William Holbech who owned Farnborough from 1717 to 1771. He made an extended Grand Tour from 1730 to 1745 and on his return commissioned Perrit to remodel four rooms with plasterwork incorporating in the Hall and Staircase a series of brackets and niches for the display of his collection which comprises 29 marble busts and 8 marble bas-reliefs. The National Trust acquired Farnborough Hall in 1960 under an AIL arrangement, but the statuary remained in private ownership until this opportunity arose for the Trust to acquire it through private treaty sale.

Nation/region

West Midlands

Grant awarded

£155,000

Award date

24/03/1998