



Three-Quarter Field Armor, possibly for Henry Herbert, second Earl of Pembroke

Date

1560–1570

Primary Maker

Northern Italian

Medium

steel (once blued) with gilding, brass, modern leather

Description

Close-helmet of 1-piece ovoid skull, with moderately high chisel-roped comb 2-part visor & 3 upwardly-overlapping gorget plates below. No gorget preserved. Breastplate of 1-piece "peascod" form, with gussets, pierced for a lance rest (lost). Backplate of 1 boxish piece presently fitted with riveted 1-piece culet. Tassets, with decoration resembling that of skirt & breastplate, but associated; oblong, trapezoidal shape, each with 10 lames. Pauldrons: L mainplate extends well over chest & shoulder-blade; R identical in form & construction & cut short for lance use with fittings for lost extension-plate. Vambraces consisting of closed upper cannons with riveted bracelet cowters, lower cannons hinged. Cuisses of one-piece mainplate curved to thigh (L mainplate restored), with laminated poleyns for use without greaves. Gauntlets an identical pair; fingered (scales lost), comprised of one-piece, flared pointed cuff riveted closed along inner face.

Dimensions

137 cm (53 15/16 in.), 43 lb. 4 oz. (weight)