

## *Lennoxlove toilet service and travelling case*



### **What is it? Who owned it?**

Frances Teresa Stuart owned this very rare silver toilet service. She was born in Paris in 1647. Lady Frances was a descendent of the Scottish royal family. She was very beautiful and was called "La Belle Stuart." In 1663 she came to live in England. The British king Charles II fell in love with her because she was so beautiful.

### **What was it used for?**

It was used for storing all the things that she would have used such as perfume, make up, hairbrushes etc. All the bottles were kept safe in the beautiful box when Lady Frances went travelling.

### **How was it made?**

It was made in Paris during the period 1652-1674. It was made from silver. The box is made of wood. Luckily, it was exported to England, as after 1698 the King of France, Louis XIV, ordered that all silver objects had to be melted down to pay for his wars.