

SA1023082

Miniature Portrait Linked to Earl Grey Tea and Lord Byron

Price

GBP 980

| USD \$1,336 | EUR 1,144

Item Reference: SA1023082

Date of manufacture: Georgian

Dimensions

Height = 12.5 cm (4.9")

Width = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

This is the story of Lady Hannah. The youngest of seven, Hannah Althea was born in Howick in April 1784 to General Charles 'No Flint' Grey, 1st Earl Grey and his wife Elizabeth Petry Grey. Earl Grey tea was supposedly named after Hannah's brother who became the 2nd Earl Grey and was British Prime Minister during the 1830s. * In 1807, the year that this portrait was likely to have been painted, Lady Hannah married Royal Navy officer George Edmond Byron Bettesworth, first cousin to the poet Lord Byron who wrote of him – * "I am going to sea for four or five months with my cousin, Captain Bettesworth, who commands the Tartar, the finest frigate in the navy ... We are going probably to the Mediterranean or to the West Indies, or to the devil; and if there is a possibility of taking me to the latter, Bettesworth will do it, for he has received four-and-twenty wounds in different places, and at this moment possesses a letter from the late Lord Nelson stating that Bettesworth is the only officer in the navy who had more wounds than himself." * Alas, the planned voyage did not take place as the fearless Bettesworth received a fatal wound at the Battle of Alvøen in 1808. * Widowed s...

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