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Archibald Skirving, Portrait of Viscountess Gormanston

Price

GBP 1,000

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Item Reference: SA1150076

Date of manufacture: Georgian

Dimensions

Height = 12.5 cm (4.9")

Width = 11 cm (4.3")

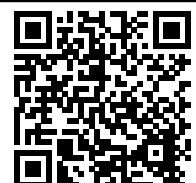
Description

This portrait may have been commissioned to mark the betrothal and marriage in 1774 between Henrietta Robinson and Anthony Preston. It shows a wistful-looking Henrietta in a white dress trimmed with blue ribbon, her blonde curls decorated with a matching headpiece topped with ostrich feathers. Born in 1740, Henrietta Honnetta was the eldest child of Lt. Gen. John Robinson and his wife Elizabeth Coates. She grew up in the fine surroundings of Denston Hall in Suffolk, the Robinson family home since 1617. Henrietta married Anthony Preston, de jure 11th Viscount Gormanston, an Irish peer. The family seat was the impressive Gormanston Castle in Co. Meath north of Dublin. Henrietta and Antony quickly had a son, Jenico, in 1775 who inherited the Viscountcy at the age of eleven upon his father's death. Henrietta eventually re-married in 1794. Her new husband was Lt. Gen. Christopher Jeafferson (1761-1824), twenty years her junior, whilst her new home was the recently built Dullingham House in Cambridge with gardens designed by Humphrey Repton. At the age of 54, Henrietta gave birth to a daughter, Henrietta Harriet. She was in her 86th year when she died at her childhood home in...

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