

SA1231786

Late 18th century pastel Portrait of a Lady, follower of John Russell

Price

GBP 2,250

| USD \$3,068 | EUR 2,626

Item Reference: SA1231786

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 76 cm (29.9")

Width = 63 cm (24.8")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

Pastel on paper; held in a period carved and giltwood frame Paper size: 62 x 49 cm (24 ½ x 19 in) Frame size: 76 x 63 cm (30 x 25 in) Provenance: Private Collection, Dorset, England This portrait depicts a lady of the later 18th century given the style of hair and manner of dress. Rendered in a soft, luminous style created using pastels on paper, it displays velvety blended skin tones and delicate textures. The subject wears a softly draped white garment or shawl accented with a jewelled clasp or brooch near the bodice. Her voluminous, chestnut hair is styled into soft, cascading curls typical of aristocratic fashion during the 1780s. Georgina Duchess of Devonshire was one of the earliest exponents of this manner and style (see mezzotint image). This portrait was believed to depict Susannah De Crispigny wife of Richard Sutton MP but she died in 1767 and therefore the style of depiction and manner of dress does not fit for the date. However, more likely it depicts Richard Sutton's second wife, Anne Williams, who died in 1787. A common enough error when large family collections of pictures are catalogued years later, in this case possibly in late 19th century. John Rus...

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