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Portrait of a Young Lady,
possibly Elizabeth Beauclerk
c.1786; Circle of Richard
Cosway.

Price

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Date of manufacture: 1800

Description

Oval oil on canvas in reproduction late 18th century frame. A charming and high quality portrait of a lovely young woman of the Late Georgian period; her artfully arranged hair and Empire line dress were the height of fashion at this time. It has been suggested by Amy Jane Adams, descendant of Elizabeth, that she is the sitter. Certainly there is a resemblance between our sitter and the slightly older married Elizabeth depicted in Beechey's portrait (image 5). ELIZABETH BEAUCLERK (1766–1793) Elizabeth was the daughter of Diana and Topham Beauclerk (pronounced 'Bo-Clare'). Their combined lineage forms an impressive family tree: Elizabeth's great-great grandparents on her father's side were Charles II and his mistress Nell Gwyn, and on her mother's side Elizabeth was connected to two of the greatest aristocratic families in the country. Diana Beauclerk was the eldest daughter of Charles Spencer, 3rd Duke of Marlborough and Diana's younger sister, also called Elizabeth, married into the Herbert family, Dukes of Pembroke. In 1787 the bonds between the two families were strengthened further when Elizabeth Beauclerk married her first cousin, George, Lord Herbert. In 1794 Georg...

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