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Attributed to William Salter,
1804–1875
Portrait of Arthur Wellesley
(1769–1852), 1st Duke of
Wellington

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Description

Attributed to William Salter, 1804–1875 Portrait of Arthur Wellesley (1769–1852), 1st Duke of Wellington 2nd June 1820 oil on canvas 46 x 35 cm. (11.1/4 x 13.3/4 in.) Arthur, first duke of Wellington (1769–1852), army officer and prime minister, was the third surviving son of Garret Wesley, first earl of Mornington (1735–1781), and his wife, Anne (1742–1831), eldest daughter of Arthur Hill, first Viscount Dungannon. The family name was altered from Wesley to the older form Wellesley by Richard Wellesley, second earl, who used this spelling from 1789. Arthur did not sign himself Wellesley until May 1798. There is disagreement over the date and place of his birth, but 1 May 1769 and 6 Merrion Street (later 24 Upper Merrion Street), Dublin, have been accepted by modern biographers. The register of St Peter's Church, Dublin, records his christening under the date 30 April 1769. This is reconcilable with the alternative birth date of 29 April preferred by some earlier authorities, including the Dictionary of National Biography, but it would imply a degree of haste in the ceremony unusual except in cases of imminent danger, for which there is no evidence. Both parents subsequen...

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