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Portrait of Mary Queen of Scots, 1836, by A.H., after Nicholas Hilliard 1578.

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Item Reference: SA459431

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 46 cm (18.1")

Width = 35 cm (13.8")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

Oil on canvas in the original early 19th century frame. The canvas unlined, signed with initials; A.H. and the date 1836. This portrait has been in a South African collection since the 1850s when it was taken there. This image dates from the early 19th century when, in continuation of what had happened when after the Stuarts came to power with the accession of Mary's son James I, a process of history rewriting took place, and continued almost to the present day. Mary had been called an adulteress and traitor by the English and was beheaded for plotting to assassinate her cousin Elizabeth I, but under the Stuarts she was presented as a beautiful and religious princess unjustly executed for her Catholic faith. All through the 17th c, and later, portraits of Mary were created; this one shows her in 1578 and is based on an original by Nicholas Hilliard. MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS (born as Mary Stewart and known in French as Marie Stuart; 1542 – 1587), was Scottish queen regnant from 14 December 1542 to 24 July 1567. In the lists of Scottish sovereigns, she is recognised as Mary I. (Not to be confused with Mary I of England.) Her great-great-granddaughter was Mary II of England. ...

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