

Basic Detail Report



Aaron Smock

Primary Maker

Micah Williams

Medium

Pastel on paper

Description

Three-quarter length portrait of an adult male facing left, with grayish blue eyes, brown hair parted in the center and brushed upward above forehead, and long brown sideburns. He wears a black coat, a white shirt with ruffles, a white stock, and a white vest with a standup collar. The subject holds a leather bound book in his left hand, which is supported by his right hand. The background is a mottled grayish blue. Mounted on wood stretchers lined with two separate sheets of newspaper.

One sheet appears to post-date 25 July 1781, and the other after 1817. Other pieces of newspaper as well as yellow tissue paper were folded and used as a shims. One portion of newspaper removed was inscribed in ink "Aaron Smock" in the upper right corner of the New Brunswick Advertiser dated 16 September 1819.

Dimensions

20.25 × 24 in. (51.4 × 61 cm)