

Basic Detail Report



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Primary Maker

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Medium

Pastel on paper

Description

Three-quarter length portrait of a heavy set adult male facing right, with deep brown eyes, double chin, thick black hair brushed up and back from his forehead, and long sideburns. He wears a black coat with a notched collar, a plain white shirt, a high white stock tied in a small bow, and a white vest with an upturned collar. The subject's left hand is tucked into the coat front, with only the thumb visible. Bright yellow draperies swag above the sitter's head, framing him, while brown vertical stripes on

either side of the sitter act as a molding or window effect. The space within the window is a medium soft mottled gray. The walls on either side of the window appear as mottled blue/green/brown. Mounted on wooden stretchers, and lined with a newspaper sheet from the Trenton Federalist dated 20 November 1820, and portions another another sheet from the same newspaper dated prior to April 1821.

Dimensions

25 × 21 in. (63.5 × 53.3 cm)