



Eleanor (Nelly) Conover Schenck

Primary Maker

Micah Williams

Medium

Pastel on paper

Description

Three-quarter portrait of a middle aged female facing left, wearing a high-waisted black gown with long sleeves full at her shoulders, double white ruffled collar, and a day cap of sheer white muslin embroidered with all over spots that is trimmed with a single ruffle brim/bavolet and tied under the chin with a black ribbon. Black ribbon also forms bows set at either side of the top of her head, with a black ribbon band across the crown of the cap. The subject is a heavy set woman with strong features, green

eyes, with a hint of a dimple in her chin. She holds a leather bound book in her left hand. The background is a subdued olive green/gray, keyed to the sitter's eyes. The paper is affixed to white pine stretchers, and then lined with a newspaper sheet from the New Brunswick Times dated 14 February 1827, and a sheet from The True American dated 26 May 1827,

Dimensions

25 × 21 in. (63.5 × 53.3 cm)