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Primary Maker

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Medium

Pastel on paper

Description

Three-quarter portrait of an adult female facing left, wearing a black dress with a slightly dropped waist of the early to mid 1820s, with a wide waistband, fitted bodice, and sleeves that have puffed shoulders gathered at the extreme upper arms. She is also wearing a double pleated ruffled collar of spotted batiste or mull. An elaborate cap of spotted sheer white mull or batiste features a high puffed crown with ruffle along the top of the crown seam and a single pleat ruffled edge along the front and down

to freehanging lappets. The subject has a pale complexion with medium brown eyes under slightly heavy dark brown brows. Her dark brown hair is parted in the center and coiled above the ears. A plain medium gray background has brownish overtones.

Dimensions

24.5 × 20.5 in. (62.2 × 52.1 cm)