



Sarah Conover Schanck Smock and Baby Elenor

Primary Maker

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Medium

Pastel on paper

Description

Three-quarter length double portrait of an adult female holding an infant. The adult wears a black dress, white double ruffle collar with cutwork chain edging embroidery, and an elaborate day cap of spotted muslin or batiste without chin ties that features a large bow at the center top and a double row of brim ruffles. The subject wears a small gold hoop earring, a double strand of choker-length

tiny gold beads, and a gold and jet ring on the ring finger of her right hand. The infant wears a white dress with a wide square neckline, double ruffle cap, sleeves with bows at the shoulder tops, and a single strand of coral beads. She is reaching for a peach with two leaves being offered to her by her mother. The background is a plain mottled blue-gray color. Mounted on wood stretchers. Fragments of newspaper lining appear to be from the American Messenger published by the American Tract Society.

Dimensions

24 × 20.3 in. (61 × 51.6 cm)