

Basic Detail Report



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Primary Maker

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Medium

Pastel on paper

Description

Three-quarter length portrait of an elderly, heavy set female facing right, with deep set grayish green eyes, dark gray hair, multiple chins, and a small mole on the subject's left cheekbone. She wears a very deep blue-black long sleeve dress with squared neckline, a plain white kerchief tucked into the dress neckline under a fine black lace net kerchief, and a white day cap that is slightly puffed with a wide plain band along the crown,

double ruffle, and lacking chin strings. The subject also wears small gold hoop earrings, and a gold ring on her right hand. Her left hand supports her right arm, and she holds a blue leather bound book in her right hand that has her name stamped on its cover. The subject poses in front of a grassy background with a clear bright blue sky showing some suggestion of clouds, and two full-leafed trees in the upper left corner. Mounted on wood stretchers, and formerly lined with a sheet of newspaper, only fragments of which survived.

Dimensions

25 × 21 in. (63.5 × 53.3 cm)