



Catherine Holmes Stoutenborough

Primary Maker

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Medium

Pastel on paper

Description

Three-quarter length portrait of a older female facing right, with dark blue eyes, dark brown hair parted in the center, and a small mole on her chin. She wears a black dress, a plain white kerchief high up on her neck that is crossed in front and tucked into the square neckline of her dress, and a sheer black shawl of fine net lace draped over her shoulders. It shows a pattern of five-petaled flowers in an alternating and offset pattern. She also

wears an elaborate day cap of sheet white mull with a puffed crown and a spotted double ruffle around the face, surmounted by a single large bow at the center front. The subject's left hand supports her right arm. She holds a fan opened only one fold in her right hand. The plain background is a single color of grayish brown. Mounted on wood stretchers, and lined with a newspaper sheet from the New York Evening Post dated 17 January 1821.

Dimensions

26 × 21.8 in. (66 × 55.4 cm)