Portrait of Marianne Sherman holding a Doll

English School Late Eighteenth Century

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Description

English School circa 1795
Portrait of Marianne Sherman holding a Doll

Full-length, seated in a landscape
Inscribed on an old label attached to the backboard: Marianne Sherman/wife of J.B. Lawes/died 1875 aged 8...
Pastel
24.5 by 19.4 cm., 9 ½ by 7 ½ in.

The Sherman family lived at Drayton, Oxfordshire. Marianne (1791-1875), pictured here by an unknown hand at the age of about 4 or 5, married first the Rev. D.G. Knox in 1810, who died just a few months after their wedding. She then married John Bennet Lawes in 1812, who died in 1822, leaving Marianne to bring up their three children, Marianne (b. 1813), John (b.1814), later Sir John Lawes of Rothamsted and Emily (b. 1820).

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