

portrait of a girl
William Henry Hunt

Sold



Description

William Henry Hunt (1790-1864)
Portrait of a Girl

Full length, seated
Watercolour over pencil
32.3 by 20.4cm., 12 ¾ by 8 in.

Hunt was born in Covent Garden, London and, showing promise as a draughtsman, his father apprenticed him to John Varley in about 1804. He entered the Royal Academy school in 1808 and soon afterwards he earned commissions from the Duke of Devonshire and the Earl of Essex to drawing interiors at Chatsworth and Cassiobury Park respectively. From birth, he had deformed legs and walking was difficult so interiors, still-lives and portraits were obvious subject matters. From the late 1820s he started exhibiting still-lives and soon achieved great success with collectors.

Provenance:
Julius Held (1905-2002)