Portrait of Eliza Pulleine

John Downman



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Description

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Watercolour over pencil on laid paper
Oval 20.6 by 16.7 cm., 8 by 6 ½ in.

Provenance:
With John Mitchell & Son, London, 1960s;
With Elle Shushan, Pennsylvania, from whom bought 2015;
Irene Roosevelt Aitken (1931-2025)

Literature:
Paul Mitchell, An Introduction to Picture Collecting, 1968, ill. fig.34

Mary Seawell was born in 1765, the daughter of Henry and Maud Newcome, who owned The Hackney School in London. She married Thomas Seawell (d. 1832) of Great Bookham, Surrey in 1786 and they had two sons.

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Eliza Pulleine (1769-1788) was the youngest daughter of Henry Pulleine (1734-1803) of Carleton Hall near Stanwick, Yorkshire. The house had been bought by Henry's grandfather Thomas, who was master of the stud to William III, but no longer exists. The family later moved to Crakehall Hall near Bedale. Eliza died unmarried aged nineteen.

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