

18th century miniature portrait by James Goddard

Sold



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Height: 8 cm (3.1")

Width: 7 cm (2.8")

Framed Height: 14 cm (5.5")

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Description

18th century ebony framed miniature portrait of Mr Holding by James Goddard. Signed with history verso. Circa 1790.

Miniature portraits are small, detailed paintings that capture a person's likeness, often used as personal keepsakes or tokens of affection. Popular from the 16th to 19th centuries, these portraits were typically painted on ivory, vellum, or metal using water-colour or enamel.

They were commonly worn in locket or carried in pockets, especially before the advent of photography. Miniature portraits served sentimental, political, and commemorative purposes, reflecting both artistic skill and social status.