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Description

Hugh Douglas Hamilton (1740-1808)

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Inscribed on an old label attached to the backboard: Amelia and Harriet Harding-Newman ... Granddaughter of Richard Harding and on backboard: H D Hamilton RHA

Pastel on paper

Oval 44 by 49 cm., 17 ½ by 19 ½ in.

Provenance:

Dr W.R. Schweizer:

Anonymous sale, Sotheby's, 4th November 1964, lot 44;

By descent to the present owner

Amelia (1784-1864) on the left, and Harriett (1782-1837) were the children of Richard Harding (1757-1808) and Harriett Schutz (1759-1791) who married at St. James's Piccadilly in 1776. Their father was the sitter in George Romney's Pink Boy which was sold at Christie's in 2014 who had inherited the Manor of Romford, Essex in 1766 from his maternal grandfather, Richard Newman. As Harding he acquired Nelmes in 1781 and took the Newman surname in 1783 by Act of Parliament to become Richard Harding Newman. The family lived at Nelmes Manor, Hornchurch, Essex. Neither Amelia nor Harriett ever married.

This portrait dates from the mid 1790s after Hamilton's return from Rome.