Portrait of Mary Seawell

John Downman



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Description

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John Downman, A.R.A. (1750-1824)
Portrait of Mrs Mary Seawell

Signed centre right: JDownman/1792
Watercolour, stump and pencil on laid paper
Oval 21.9 by 15.3 cm., 8 1/2 by 6 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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