

Unknown man, last quarter of the 18th century

Anonymous

1 1/2 x 1 1/8 (3.81 x 2.86)

watercolor on ivory

Gift of Janelle Hardin Morton, Norah Hardin Lind, and Mary Welby      Hardin Watkins, 1991

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Ex. Coll.: Early ownership unknown; owned by Lilian Wescott Hale; to her daughter Nancy Hale Bowers (1908-88); to her granddaughters, the donors.

This miniature is set in a locket case and is thought to depict a member of the Everett, Hale, or Wescott family.<sup>1</sup> The artist may have been the same unknown painter who completed a locket-style miniature of Isaiah Thomas, Sr. (cat. 123 et seq.), owned by the Worcester Art Museum.<sup>2</sup> The sitter's powdered hair and features are constructed with similarly fluid brushwork, and the pale tones of the skin are suggestive of the Thomas portrait.

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<sup>1</sup> Fredson Bowers to Georgia Barnhill, January 19, 1989, AAS Archives.

<sup>2</sup> Susan Strickler, American Portrait Miniatures (Worcester: Worcester Art Museum, 1989), 117.