Title Portrait Miniature of a Sea Captain's Wife

Date early 19th century
Primary Maker Unknown, American
Medium watercolor on paper

Description A pair of miniature portraits in strong color and brilliant detail. The Captain is seated on a paint decorated chair; the drawn curtain reveals a view of a tall masted ship. His double buttoned shirt is topped with a fringed black cravat. His wife is seated beside a golden corded curtain with a blue shawl over her arm and a rose in one hand. Her portrait is accented by an elaborate hairstyle of pin curls and coiled braid and jewelry including a coral necklace, gold earrings and brooch.

Dimensions frame (each): 6 x 5 x 1 in. (15.2 x 12.7 x 2.5 cm.) sheet: 5 × 3 7/8 in. (12.7 × 9.8 cm.)