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Princess Helena, 1861

RCIN 420323

Watercolour on ivory laid on card, oval, 117 × 91 mm

Signed on the left in black paint: Hähnnisch n. F. Winterhalter 1861.

Bust-length, wearing a black evening dress with a locket suspended from a black ribbon around her neck and jet hoop earrings.

Hatfield frame, the reverse engraved with the inscription: *H.R.H. PRINCESS HELENA, / (THIRD DAUGHTER OF / H.M. QUEEN VICTORIA, / & H.R.H. THE PRINCE CONSORT) / BORN MAY 25. 1846 - / HAHNISCH, PINX. AFTER F. WINTERHALTER. 1861.* The miniature was reglazed in October 1997.

PROVENANCE: commissioned by Queen Victoria; her payment of 25 guineas is listed in August 1861 in Miss Skerrett's accounts (RA VIC/Z 276/231); Hähnnisch's receipt acknowledging Queen Victoria's payment is dated 3 November 1861 (RA PP/VIC/2/55/2642); subsequently recorded in the Royal Library, Windsor Castle (RL 1870 15.A.3; RL 1881 17-XV; Cust 1910 20/10).