Bust - Unknown Woman

Object: Bust

Place of origin: England (made)

Date: ca. 1850 - ca. 1898 (made)

Artist/Maker: Adams, George Gammon, born 1821 - died 1898 (sculptor)

Materials and Techniques: Marble

Credit Line: Given by Miss I. D. Adams, daughter of the sculptor

Museum number: A.116-1980

Gallery location: In Storage

Public access description

The unidentified woman portrayed in this bust wears her hair in an ornate plaited bun, which is decorated with leaf-like ornament and what appears to be maize incorporated into the leaves. This bust was among items given to the Museum by I. D. Adams, the daughter of George Gammon Adams, in 1980. In total, 196 items were included in the Adams gift, which consisted of many models for medals as well as the busts and figurative sculpture. In most instances it is not possible to date conclusively the many models included in this gift.

George Gammon Adams (b. 1821-1898) was a portrait sculptor and medallist. He designed and exhibited prize medals for the Great Exhibition. In 1852 he was chosen to model the death mask of Wellington. One of his public monuments is the 'Napier' statue in Trafalgar square.

Descriptive line

Bust, marble, an unidentified woman, by George Gammon Adams, England, ca. 1850 - 1898

Physical description

The woman wears her hair in an ornate plaited bun, which is decorated with leaf-like ornament and what appears to be maize incorporated into the leaves.

Dimensions

Height: 67 cm

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Object history note


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