
Anne Elizabeth Henniker, The Countess of Aldborough

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Height: 5.3 cm (2")



Short Description

Wearing a yellow dress with purple sleeves and lace bodice, her powdered hair adorned with pearls, purple curtain in the background Anne was the daughter of John Henniker, 1st Baron Henniker, and was probably born in the 1750s or 1760s. In 1787, the year in which this enamel was taken, she became the second wife of Edward Augustus Stratford, 2nd Earl Aldborough (c.1741-1801). The 2nd Earl had built homes in London and Dublin; he was a member of both the Irish and British House of Commons, and from 1778 Governor of County Wicklow. The Countess's wrote a Recipe Book which must date from between the time of her marriage in 1787 and her death in 1802; she died at Aldborough House in Dublin the year after he husband. The book contains a variety of recipes for culinary dishes, details of 'experiments in artificial mineral water', lists of preserves and a list of 'sundries for our garden in Dublin', which contains a short description of the garden and lists of trees, flowers, fruits, vegetables and shrubs for the garden. Towards the back of the volume are a number of recipes for home treatments for a range of ailments from cures for tooth ache, colic and piles, to instructions 'to expel an earwig from the head'.

More Information

Medium	Enamel on copper
Signed	Signed and dated 1787 on the reverse