

Early 19th century miniature portrait of William Ponder

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Height: 7 cm (2.8")

Width: 6 cm (2.4")

Framed Height: 13 cm (5.1")

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Description

An early 19th century ebony framed oval miniature portrait of William Ponder, circa 1810.

Miniature portraits are small, detailed paintings that capture a person's likeness, often used as personal keepsakes or tokens of affection. Popular from the 16th to 19th centuries, these portraits were typically painted on ivory, vellum, or metal using water-colour or enamel.

They were commonly worn in locketts or carried in pockets, especially before the advent of photography. Miniature portraits served sentimental, political, and commemorative purposes, reflecting both artistic skill and social status.