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## HOLLAR'S PORTRAIT OF AN AFRICAN WOMAN IN PROFILE

[Print of an African woman in profile]

### Author

HOLLAR, W[enceslaus]

### Publication date

1645

### Publisher

### Publication place

[Antwerp],

### Physical description

Etching, trimmed to platemark.

### Dimensions

60 by 45mm. (2.25 by 1.75 inches).

### Notes

In 1645, after his escape from the Parliamentary forces that had captured him as part of the Royalist regiment and his return to Antwerp, Hollar published a number of portraits, the most remarkable of which show three diasporic African people. The present image shows an African woman in profile wearing a simple bonnet and broad white collar. Unfortunately almost all the subjects of Hollar's portraits remain anonymous.

**Bibliography**

NHG Hollar 813; Pennington 2007.

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