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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.

Provenance

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