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Roman Marble Portrait Bust of a Woman

An ancient Roman marble portrait bust of a Patrician woman, her head turned to her left and wearing a stola and palla, her face with high cheekbones, her hair is parted and drawn behind the ears and up into an elaborate coiffure of tiered braids, with small incised curls escaping at the temples. She likely represents a member of Trajan or Hadrian's family.



Hadrianic Period.
Ca. 120 - 125 AD.
Height: 25 in. (63.5 cm).

cf.: F. Johansen, Catalogue Roman Portraits II, Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, (Copenhagen, 1995), no. 70.

Formerly in the Stora Sundby Castle collection, Eskilstuna, Sweden, acquired in the 18th century; subsequently in a Swedish private collection, acquired in 1912; Sotheby's, New York, December 11, 2002, lot 45; subsequently in a North Carolina private collection.

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