



Leather case with miniature signed Berny d'Ouvillé

Era: early 19th century, Restauration period

Matériaux: ivory, gold, leather

Dim (frame) H 12.5 cm / W 9 cm.

Dim (miniature) H 6 cm / W 5 cm.

Gold pen weight: 0.45 oz (13.2 g).

Signed: Claude Charles Berny d'Ouvillé.

Green leather case with several gussets and bound sheets. The case opens with a gold clasp. Inside the case, an oval miniature on ivory is preserved. This represents a young woman in bust wearing a dress and lace scarf adorned with a brooch. The miniature is signed Berny.

Claude Charles Berny d'Ouvillé (1771-1856) painter and miniaturist working in the first part of the 19th century. This ivory portrait is completed with a photograph of the same young woman. One of the compartments has a gold lock. This lock opens with a key hidden in the gold pen. This pen has a perpetual calendar and the citrine engraved with a number is unscrewed to put the key.

Bibliography: dictionnaire Benezit.