



Thomas Sully, Horace Binney Hare

Title

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Medium

Oil on canvas

Date

1847-1848

Dimensions

30 × 25 in. (76.2 × 63.5 cm)

Accession number

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Credit Line

Gift of Hope, Esther Binney, and Charles Hare, 2005

Web Description

How boys' fashions have changed! The young Horace Binney Hare—a grandson to Robert Hare, and a great grandson to Martha Harford Hare—comes from a family with a tradition of hiring the greatest portrait painters to capture their likenesses. The dress-like tunic and large plumed hat were probably a little old-fashioned even in the 1840s when this portrait was made. Considering that the portrait was for the older members of his family to enjoy, it is not surprising that he is dressed in the costume of their youth.