



Violet Oakley, Helen Daniel Taylor

Title

Mrs. Norman Taylor and Books

Medium

Pastel on paper

Date

ca. 1950

Dimensions

23 3/8 × 17 1/8 in. (59.4 × 43.5 cm)

Accession number

78.7.3

Credit Line

Gift of Edith Emerson, 1978

Web Description

The elegant Helen Daniel Taylor is the subject of two portrait sketches by Violet Oakley. In both, the artist uses toned paper and light-colored pastels, which dramatically highlight the figure. Not an artist herself, per se, Taylor made a career in the art world as a color consultant and was a co-author of the 1950 Descriptive Color Names Dictionary, an industry standard in the commercial use of color.