Primary Maker: Anthony Meucci
Title: Pierre Toussaint (ca. 1781–1853)
Date: ca. 1825
Medium: Watercolor on ivory
Dimensions: Overall: 3 1/4 × 2 5/8 in. (8.3 × 6.7 cm)
Credit Line: Gift of Miss Georgina Schuyler
Object Number: 1920.4

Classification: MINIATURES

Curatorial Remarks:
Born in slavery in Santo Domingo, Haiti, Pierre Toussaint was brought to New York about 1797 by Jean Bérard, a wealthy French landowner. When Bérard returned to Haiti and suddenly died, leaving his young widow in New York without means, Toussaint took care of her until her death. He supported her as well as his own family by becoming one of the most successful and fashionable hairdressers in New York City.

Signed: Signed at right: "Meucci"
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