Primary Maker: Carl A. Weidner
Title: Mrs. William Allen
Date: 1896
Medium: Watercolor on ivory
Dimensions: Overall: 3 1/4 × 2 1/2 in. (8.3 × 6.4 cm)
Credit Line: Gift of the Estate of Peter Marié
Object Number: 1905.3

Classification: MINIATURES

Curatorial Remarks:
Mary Houstoun, the daughter of Confederate general Robert Houstoun of Savannah, married New York lawyer William Allen. The couple frequently entertained members of high society at their home on East 65th Street, which boasted a grand display of silver inherited from Mrs. Allen's southern ancestors. In 1901, Mary Allen published a popular book, The Love Letters of a Liar, a story of passion and disloyalty told through the epistles of a smitten lover.

Signed: Signed upper left: "Carl Weidner"
Markings: inscribed on card within case: "Carl & Fredrika Weidner pinxt / N.Y. 1896" and "Mrs. Wm. Allen of NY and Virginia"
Related Objects: