Primary Maker: Meave Thompson Gedney
Title: Mrs. William Waldorf Astor (1856-1894)
Date: 1890
Medium: Watercolor on ivory, silver gilt frame
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: 1905.10

Classification: MINIATURES

Curatorial Remarks:
A native of Philadelphia, Mary Paul married New Yorker William Waldorf Astor in 1878. In 1882, the Astors moved to Rome after William was appointed American minister to Italy, and they established a residence in England in 1890. Mrs. Astor became a society leader in New York, Rome, and London. She shared her married name with her husband's aunt and social rival, Mrs. William (Caroline) Astor, the undisputed queen of New York society. Caroline Astor boldly claimed the title of the Mrs. Astor.

Signed: Signed lower right: MEAVE T. GEDNEY
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