Primary Maker: Anthony Meucci
Title: Euphemia Toussaint (1815–1829)
Date: ca. 1825
Medium: Watercolor on ivory
Dimensions: Overall: 3 1/8 × 2 1/2 in. (7.9 × 6.4 cm)
Credit Line: Gift of Miss Georgina Schuyler
Object Number: 1920.6

Classification: MINIATURES

Curatorial Remarks:
The subject was the niece and adopted daughter of Pierre Toussaint, a Haitian slave who became a hairdresser in New York City. Both her mother Rosalie and her uncle Pierre had been brought to New York from Haiti about 1787 by their master, Jean Bérard. The subject was born in New York and died at the age of fourteen.

Physical Description:
Portrait miniature of Euphemia Toussaint (1815-1829); watercolor and gouache on ivory, framed in a wooden backboard with a stamped gilded copper bezel; an oval inscribed backing card is visible under heavy mylar in the back of the frame; the oval is secured by the bezel teeth; the inscription reads "Eupemia / -Niece and adopted / daughter of Pierre / Touissant - born in / 1815 - died in 1829.

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