



Portrait of William B. Scaife

Primary Maker

David Birdsey Walkley

Medium

Oil on canvas; Wood; Metal

Description

Framed oil painting on canvas. Bust portrait of an older man, depicted in three-quarter-view facing proper right. Sitter has white-gray hair and wears a black suit with black vest, white collared shirt, and understated black bowtie. Background features medium-brown painterly brushstrokes. Rectangular three-section ornate wooden frame with gold leaf or painted gold surface; exterior section is repeated leaf pattern in high relief, middle section is crosshatched diamond pattern, and interior

section is repeated curvilinear design in shallow relief. Frame has brass plate on front at bottom center with engraved inscription describing the sitter. Artist name hand-painted on verso of canvas across top left (now obscured by blue board backing board). Verso is backed with blue board backing board. Verso has two metal eyebolts that were part of the original mounting hardware. Verso has paper framer's label at top center; label is circular and is black with gold text; this label is now partially obscured by the blue board backer.

Dimensions

Height x Width x Depth (Framed): 32.5 x 26.375 x 2.625 in. (82.6 x 67 x 6.7 cm) Height x Width (Sight size): 25.813 x 19.75 in. (65.6 x 50.2 cm)