



Sir Henry Meux

Plaster cast, signed D Brucciani and Co., London 1900

Sir Henry Meux, 3rd Baronet (1856 – 1900), was a London brewer. This portrait bust of him measures 75cm high. He secretly married Valerie Langdon in 1878, herself a flamboyant and controversial figure.

Prior to treatment the client had two samples of paint analysed, these showed that the cast had been painted with zinc white and given one coat of varnish. Over time the surface of the painted plaster had been scarred, and the moustache damaged.

The scale of treatment in this case was focused on damage to the head, and in particular the moustache; and the larger areas of damage on the clothing. It involved repair and fine fillings followed by retouching.

