

Description of a portrait
by
George Romney
1786.

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A portrait by Romney
painted 1786

of
Mrs Roger Smith, nee Rutledge
a sister of Edward Rutledge one
of the signers of the Declaration
of Independence, and of John
the "Dictator" of South Carolina

The picture is a full length
portrait, measuring 9 ft high
by 6 ft wide.

The lady is standing near
a pedestal upon which ^{her} baby is
seated. The child is playing
with an orange, and the Mother
holds one hand ready to
catch it, if it should drop;
while ~~the~~ the right arm is
passed around the little
one, supporting it.

The beauty of the painting is the wonderful satin dress, which is reality itself, while the Baby is a typical one every mother has one just like it at home.

There are some scars on the picture, which may lend additional value to it having been received in Columbia S. Ca during the War between the States.

The fabric cuts have been filled up, poorly, but are not obtruded in a good light.

About the Authenticity of the picture there is no doubt. It was given to the present owner by Mrs Charles Rutledge, the eldest daughter of Mrs Smith who was with her mother in London when the picture was painted. Mrs Rutledge being at that time a girl of

thirteen (13) years of age -
and who died in 1862
after the picture had been
sent to Columbia for safe
keeping, at the advanced age
of 84 years.

The person writing this account
is the great, great grand daughter
of the original of the picture.

M. R. Pochee.