

The Valentine Card
William Henry Hunt OWS

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Height: 11.5 cm (4.5")

Width: 6 cm (2.4")

Framed Height: 28 cm (11")

Framed Width: 23 cm (9.1")

Description

Hunt's sketchbooks contained some of the most sensitive and intimate recordings of English family life in the early 19th century. This sketch clearly shows a well-received Valentine's Day card. Although we might imagine them to be a modern invention, Valentine's cards were made popular in the late 18th century, and by 1835, there were reportedly some 60,000 posted annually in the United Kingdom. This sketch may come from the same sketchbook as one or more of the three sketches in one frame, also on this website.