

Basic Detail Report

Title Reverend Increase Mather

Primary Maker John Cotton

Medium Oil on canvas

Description [Half-length portrait of a man wearing clerical garb. His right arm is bent at the elbow with his hand in line with his chest. His left hand holds a Bible which is opened at Revelations, Chapters Two and Three. On the right of the picture there are shelves filled with books partially covered by a curtain. Over the subject's right shoulder is a scroll with the motto "Non est mortale quod opto". The painting has been altered by repainting over the original portrait. A very dim inscription at the subject's right near the upper corner appears to read "Aetet Suae 65 An:49".]