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ELIZABETH II REIGNS!

Our Elizabeth II (Elizabeth Cobbold née Knipe, 1764-1824; second wife of John Cobbold, 1745-1835) is well known for her many talents in literary, artistic and scientific fields but perhaps best known for her paper-cut Valentines some of which were displayed at the Trust's exhibition at Glemham Hall last summer. The Trust is reporting this month (see Cobboldiana Deposited for Jul 09) that it has made a highly significant addition to its collection of her paper-cuts by the purchase of a further 11 from the top collection in the USA. Here is the story.

Over 30 years ago Nancy Rosin of New Jersey USA started collecting Valentines and Expressions of Love. She and her husband Henry built up a huge, beautiful and truly remarkable collection which forms a rare and valuable commentary on the loves and lives of our ancestors through war, civil war and uncivil peace, through political and economic unrest and perhaps most importantly through the personal delights and dismays of family life. (More at www.victoriantreasury.com)

Nancy is President of the National Valentine Collectors Association and on the board of the Ephemera Society of America and their collection must be the largest and the best in America if not the World. Nancy is a consummate professional in her subject but more importantly she has formed a strong emotional bond with each and every item in her collection. Against this background the Trust is more than fortunate to have received from her collection 11 Elizabeth Cobbold paper-cut Valentines, six of which are illustrated below. These are amongst the most important Elizabeth Cobbolds in the world and the Trust is happy to put on record its unreserved appreciation to Henry and Nancy Rosin for allowing these oh-so-special Valentines to come home.



1. Rebus



2. Quadrille



3. Slide



4. Rosiere



5. Choosing Branches



6. Fair Omphale