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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY & VALUATION

Antique Wax Shoulder Head Parlor Doll — Complete Original Trousseau

LAVINIA

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HISTORY

Lavinia is a rare example of Victorian parlor doll artistry. Poured wax dolls of this era were the height of dollmaking craft in England and Germany, prized for their remarkably lifelike, hand-tinted complexions. Her wax shoulder head is distinguished by brown glass eyes with delicately red-dotted inner corners — a premium detail seen only on the finest examples — and her original blonde human hair wig remains secured by its original brass skull cap clips, an extraordinary survival after more than 150 years.

♦ *An intact original trousseau of this depth, still together after a century and a half, is exceptionally rare — Lavinia represents museum-quality survival.* ♦

NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ♦ Type: Poured wax shoulder-head parlor doll · Era: circa 1860s–1880s
- ♦ Origin: German or English · Approx. 22" tall
- ♦ Brown glass eyes w/ fine red-dotted inner corners — premium detail
- ♦ Original blonde human hair wig, original brass skull cap clips
- ♦ Complete original trousseau: white lacework dress w/ blue satin ribbon, matching pleated slip w/ heart-shaped lacework, crochet-hemmed pantaloons, white knee-high stockings, original black double-strap snap shoes

COLLECTOR NOTES

Attribution note: Lavinia stands out even among fine antique wax dolls for the sheer completeness of her presentation. Combined with the premium red-dotted eye detailing and untouched wig mount, she would be a centerpiece in any serious antique doll collection — the Estimated Worth reflects that specialty/auction ceiling, while Market Value reflects a realistic private-sale price.

MARKET VALUE

\$400–700

*Realistic quick-sale price,
private/shop market*

ESTIMATED WORTH

\$800–1,200

*Ceiling value — museum-
quality completeness,
specialty auction*

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