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CERTIFICATE OF PROVENANCE

Eleanora

Antique German Bisque Doll — Armand Marseille, Mold Attributed to 390



CURRENT MARKET VALUE

\$700 – \$950

typical resale / auction range

COLLECTOR REPLACEMENT VALUE

\$1,100 – \$1,400

via specialty antique dealer

IDENTIFICATION

Maker:	Armand Marseille, Germany
Mold:	Attributed to Mold 390 ("dolly-face")
Incised Mark:	A . 14 . M (size mark)
Height:	34 inches
Circa:	Early 1900s – 1920s
Origin:	Sonneberg / Köppelsdorf, Thuringia, Germany
Head Material:	Bisque porcelain, socket head
Body:	Ball-jointed composition, fully articulated
Eyes:	Blue-gray glass, sleep/fixed set
Mouth:	Open, with teeth
Wig:	Auburn ringlet mohair/human hair style wig

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HISTORY & NOTABLE DETAILS

DOCUMENTED HISTORY & IDENTIFICATION NOTES

Eleanora is a 34-inch antique German bisque doll bearing the incised mark "A.14.M" on the back of the head, identifying her as a product of the Armand Marseille porcelain works of Sonneberg and Köppelsdorf, Germany — one of the most prolific doll-head manufacturers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. While her incising shows the size designation only, her facial sculpting — including the rounded "dolly-face" profile, painted feathered brows, upper-lash detailing, dimpled chin, and open mouth with upper teeth — is consistent with Armand Marseille's widely produced Mold 390, one of the company's most recognizable and enduring designs. Examination under ultraviolet light showed no significant repair fluorescence inconsistent with the surrounding bisque, supporting an assessment of good original condition. She retains her ball-jointed composition body, period-appropriate glass eyes, and a softly curled auburn wig, and is presented in a pink-and-white Edwardian-style ensemble with a floral sash and jeweled collar accent, fitting for the era of her creation.

Eleanora carries a particularly meaningful documented provenance: she remained with the same woman for the entirety of that woman's life, from childhood through old age — a single, unbroken ownership spanning a full lifetime. The doll was later acquired from the original owner's granddaughter, who is herself now retired, before passing into this collection. Such a continuous, single-family history is rare for a doll of this age and adds meaningfully to her significance as a piece of preserved personal and social history, beyond her value as a well-made example of Armand Marseille's work.

Her name, Eleanora, was chosen to reflect her quiet, dignified expression and the graceful poise characteristic of dolls made for discerning collectors of her period.

CONDITION & NOTABLE FEATURES

- Bisque head in good condition with no visible cracks or hairline damage noted at examination.
- Original-style ball-jointed composition body, fully articulated at shoulders, elbows, hips, and knees.
- Feathered painted brows and finely detailed upper lashes, a hallmark of quality Armand Marseille work.
- Distinct dimpled chin, a sculpting detail associated with Mold 390.
- Open mouth with upper teeth intact.

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DOCUMENTATION & CERTIFICATION

DOCUMENTATION PHOTOGRAPHS



Facial detail



Incised mark: A . 14 . M

CERTIFICATION

This Certificate of Provenance has been prepared by Mom's Joy Room to document the identification, condition, and estimated value of the item described above, based on physical examination and researched reference materials. This certificate is provided for collector and insurance documentation purposes.

Sandy — Mom's Joy Room

Date