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Foil-Backed Amethyst Ring

Old-cut oval amethyst · Foil-backed gold · In the Georgian manner

Foil behind a gem was a Georgian way to make a stone glow by candlelight: a little hidden mirror, catching the room and giving the amethyst a deeper fire.

This ring holds an old-cut oval amethyst in a foiled gold setting. The gold is not hallmarked. The stone has the open, faceted look of an earlier cut, made to live in lamplight rather than under a bright modern bulb.

It might have been worn of an evening in the late eighteenth or early nineteenth century, when the foil behind the amethyst caught the candles and the ring was turned to the light.

A purple stone, foiled for glow — a small Georgian light, now yours to wear and to preserve.

~ A curiosity, chosen for you ~

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