





**PORTRAIT OF
WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST**

ORRIN PECK, AMERICAN, 1894, OIL ON CANVAS.

H: 45 ½"; W: 40 ½"

Painted in 1894, this portrait shows William Randolph Hearst at age thirty-one. The artist, Hearst's childhood friend Orrin Peck, perfectly captured Hearst's predominant facial feature: his piercing blue eyes. The portrait hangs in the Gothic Study as it did during Mr. Hearst's day, when the elaborate room served as the headquarters for America's first media empire. Over half a century after this portrait was painted, William Randolph Hearst died at the age of eighty-eight in Beverly Hills, California, construction on his San Simeon estate unfinished.