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Pair of watercolour family portraits by James Holmes 1777-1860

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1034550****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 58.5 cm (23.0")

Width = 66 cm (26.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

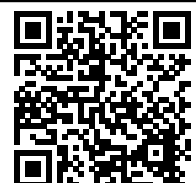
Description

A fine pair of watercolour portraits of the Hunt family by James Holmes 1777-1860. The pair of works beautifully depict a whole family spread of the two paintings one in a music room and the other in a classically imagined landscape setting. The first shows the father Reverend Thomas Hunt with his daughter Harriet and sons Thomas and Charles. The second shows the mother Jane with her daughter Caroline and son William. The pair are both wonderfully detailed and are signed to the lower right 'J Holmes' and dated to what looks like 1838. James Holmes was at an early age apprenticed to the well-known engraver Robert Mitchell Meadows. He began attending the Royal Academy schools in 1796 and first exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1798. From 1798 to 1849 Holmes exhibited 21 paintings at the Royal Academy, including two miniatures (Miss Emma E. Kendrick and Portraits of the infant children of J. Harlop, Esq.) in 1819 and one miniature in 1848. He became a water colourist and in 1813 became a member of the Society of Painters in Water Colours, exhibiting there two of his paintings, Hot Porridge and The Married Man. He continued exhibiting there until 1820. In 1822 he resigned fro...

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