

SA1035212

19th-Century English School, Portrait Of Steel Manufacturer James Sanderson - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1035212****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 38 cm (15.0")

Width = 71 cm (28.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This early 19th-century English oil painting depicts James Sanderson (1783-1853), a steel manufacturer from Sheffield. By the end of the 19th century, Sheffield was one of the world's leading industrial cities and its reputation was built on steel. During the 1840s, it produced around 90% of British steel and around half of such in Europe. Its hills were abundant with coal and other raw materials, while its confluence of rivers provided ample power. Sanderson Brothers & Co, led by Thomas, John, James and Edward, were integral to this success. And here, in this portrait from around 1838, we see James Sanderson. The brothers were based at Darnall Steelworks and Don Valley Glassworks. Both sites are now scheduled monuments. James was born in 1783 to Charles and Sarah and spent much of his life at Endcliffe Grange in Nether Hallam. Little is known about this busy entrepreneur aside from numerous newspaper reports relating to his horticultural interests. It appears that alongside his role in the steel industry, he was also a keen gardener. In addition, there's a curious report of geese theft in 1847. "Stealing geese at Endcliffe. Samuel Holy was charged on suspicion of st...

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