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Wedgwood basalt bust, George Stephenson, d. 1872.

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Item Reference: SA1079188

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 37 cm (14.6")

Width = 24.2 cm (9.5")

Depth = 16 cm (6.3")

Description

Wedgwood black basalt bust of George Stephenson, dated 1872. Finely modelled by Edward William Wyon, as the 'Father of Railways', and inventor of 'Stephensons Rocket' wearing Classical robes. Set upon its original black basalt socle. Impressed marks WEDGWOOD, titled STEPHENSON, and E.W.Wyon F(ecit). Date code for 1872. Height - 37 cm, 14 5/8". Width - 24.2 cm, 9 1/2". Depth - 16 cm, 6 1/4". Condition - Excellent. No damage. No restoration. This fine bust brings together three of the great names in British industry and art. The engineer George Stephenson, regarded globally as the Father of Railways, designer of Stephensons Rocket and the 'Standard gauge', used by most of the Worlds railways; he was also responsible for the World first inter city railway line, linking Liverpool to Manchester. Edward William Wyon, one of the most significant sculptor of the 19th Century. Wedgwood , the most important ceramic factory in British history.

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