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Mid-19th-Century English School, Wedding Portraits Of Joseph & Harriet Johnson - Antique Oil Painting

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Item Reference: SA1102775

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 125 cm (49.2")

Width = 99 cm (39.0")

Description

This charming pair of mid-19th-century English school portraits depict husband and wife, Joseph and Harriet Johnson of Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester. They were probably commissioned to celebrate their marriage in 1837. Dressed in their fineries, it's an important day for this upstanding pair. He wears a black suit with white waistcoat and black stock. While she wears an elegant burgundy gown with a white veil decorated with flora. A plaque displays her maiden name, Harriet Mayson. Born at Linwood Hall, a Jacobean manor house in Lincolnshire, Joseph Johnson (1813-1886) was evidently of 'good stock'. Empowered with an independent spirit, he moved to the thriving industrial city of Manchester during the 1830s and established a calico printing business together with his brother. Manchester was at the heart of the textile industry and the pair negotiated a challenging period of ever-evolving technology. Calico printing was first established in Manchester during the 18th century and involved using blocks to impress a design onto cloth. By the 1840s, the process had significantly developed with patterns created via large engraved cylinders. As a result, production in Lancas...

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