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18TH CENTURY SCOTTISH SCHOOL PORTRAIT OF DR THOMAS WISE OF HILLBANK, FORFARSHIRE

Price

GBP 2,750

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Description

A fine late 18th century Scottish oil on canvas portrait, circa 1795, traditionally identified as Dr Thomas Wise (1755–1819) of Hillbank, Dundee, physician and member of a prominent Scottish family. Wise is depicted seated three-quarter length against a dark background, wearing a brown double-breasted coat and waistcoat with a white stock. Thomas was the eldest son of David Wise of Lunan, Forfarshire, and Grizel Henderson. The Wise family had longstanding connections with Dundee and the surrounding area. His father David was described as an ingenious mechanic and became involved in the developing textile industry, establishing a cotton-spinning manufactory near what subsequently became Cotton Road. Thomas became a physician and spent a period in Jamaica, where family histories record that he acquired the Claremont estate in the parish of Hanover. On returning to Scotland he purchased Hillbank, an estate immediately north of Dundee and close to his father's cotton works. In 1795, the approximate date of the present portrait, Wise married Anne Chalmers, second daughter of William Chalmers of Gleneloch, Perthshire. The Chalmers family was prominent in Dundee civic l...

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