

SA136603**Harry Ashby 1778 - 1847**

Price

GBP 15,000

| USD \$20,259 | EUR 17,544

Item Reference: SA136603**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 135 cm (53.1")

Width = 110 cm (43.3")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

Portrait of Robert Ashby 1774- , non commissioned Officer of the London Volunteer Cavalry, on his charger "Diamond" circa .1803-1804 UK Oil on Canvas 50 X 40in. (127 x 102 cm.) Harry Ashby was baptized in St Martin-in-the-Fields 26 April 1778, he was second son of Harry Ashby, an eminent engraver of bank notes to provincial , colonial and foreign bankers (see the DNB) , and his wife Sarah. He exhibited at the RA (69), BI (8) 1794-1836. He worked in london attracting mostly middle class and clerical clientele, but by 1810 had moved to Surrey, first lower Tooting, then Mitcham. He deid in Plymouth 13 june 1847 aged 69. His cause of death was listed as "disease of the spinal cord with paralysis of lower limbs and bladder, many years ". His son Harry Pollard Ashby was also an artist. (Literature Country life 18th April 1991.) Harry senior worked for John Spilsbury (writing engraver and inventor of the jigsaw puzzle). Spilsbury died in 1769, and about 1772 Ashby married his widow, Sarah Spilsbury, nee May (1732-1802). Their sons Robert and Harry were born 1774 and 1778. Ashby took over the engraving business, disposing of the jigsaw section. By 1785 Ashby was in partnership w...

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