

SA170637

SOLD....Portrait of George Edward Russell by George Watson.

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Item Reference: SA170637

Date of manufacture: 1800

Description

Oil on canvas in period giltwood frame, bearing the collection number '18' and names of sitter and artist. A charming image of the young George Russell, standing by a column, a landscape behind him, and holding a battledore and shuttlecock. GEORGE EDWARD RUSSELL (1786-1863) was a son of Claude Russell and worked in India for the East India Company. He was in India for 33 years and was, for a time, acting Governor of Madras. He married Caroline, daughter of Major General George Bowness and the union produced a daughter, also Caroline, who married Captain James Maxstone of the East India Company army in 1851. Maxstone was born in 1819 and succeeded to the title of 13th Laird of Cultoquhey in 1846. In 1859 he inherited the estate of Redgorton from his uncle Robert Graham thus becoming also the 6th Laird of Redgorton. He adopted the additional name and arms of Graham. George Russell died at his home in Wiltshire in 1853 aged 74. GEORGE WATSON (1767-1837) was a Scottish portrait painter and first president of the Royal Scottish Academy. Watson was born at his father's estate, Overmains, Berwickshire, in 1767, the son of John Watson and Frances Veitch of Elliott. He received...

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