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**Portrait of Thomas Selkeld
1836, by William Scott.**

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Item Reference: SA183454

Date of manufacture: 1800

Description

Oil on canvas in original gilded frame. A good portrait of the William IV period; Thomas Selkeld, elegantly dressed, regards the viewer with a direct, slightly quizzical, look. The SALKELDS are an ancient and notable family who have occupied all levels of society. The Salkeld name is a locative one derived from Great and Little Salkeld, two villages situated in the Eden valley in Cumberland between Carlisle and Penrith. Like a number of Lakeland names Salkeld comes from the Old Norse and means 'Willow wood'. There were early Salkelds settled in Addingham, near Little Salkeld in the Eden valley by the 13th century. Among the many mistranscriptions there are five variant spellings which are notable for their consistency and number of occurrences. These are: Salkield; Salkilld; Sawkill; Soakell and Sokell. The closer you get to Cumberland, the less variations there are, and of the above, Salkield is principally in County Durham, Sawkill equally divided between Durham and Yorkshire, Sokell mainly in Yorkshire and Salkilld in London. It is not uncommon however to find Salkeld and one or more variants in the same parish. Gifts from the King saw the Salkelds settled in Corby...

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