

SA342087

Portrait of George Hudson 1800-1871 "The Railway King"

Price

GBP 4,500

| USD \$6,089 | EUR 5,265

Item Reference: SA342087**Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 66 cm (26.0")

Width = 45 cm (17.7")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

English School 19th Century Portrait of George Hudson 1800-1871 "The Railway King" oil on canvas 66.04 x 45.72 cm. (26 x 18 in.) Hudson, George [called the Railway King] (1800–1871), railway promoter and fraudster, was born in March 1800 at Howsham, about 12 miles north-east of York, the fifth son of a farmer who died in 1806. He went to local schools and in 1815 was apprenticed to Bell and Nicholson, a firm of drapers in College Street, York. When his apprenticeship was complete he received a share in the business. Bell retired and the firm became Nicholson and Hudson. In 1821 he married Elizabeth Nicholson, who was the daughter of one of the partners in the firm and five years older than he was. Four of their children survived into adulthood: George, who was called to the bar and became an inspector of factories; John, who entered the army and was killed in the Indian mutiny; William, who became a doctor; and Anne, who married a Polish count, Count Suminski. In 1827, already a wealthy man, Hudson received a legacy of £30,000 from a great-uncle, Matthew Bottrill. This money enabled him to establish himself in the political and social life of York. He became treasure...

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