

**SA460144**

**Portrait of Thomas Brassey  
c.1830; English School.**

Price

**Sold**

**Item Reference: SA460144**

**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 92 cm (36.2")

Width = 78 cm (30.7")

Depth = 9 cm (3.5")

## Description

Oil on canvas in the original frame. Recently cleaned, lined and restretched this painting is in superb condition. THOMAS BRASSEY (1805-70) was an English civil engineering contractor and manufacturer of building materials who was responsible for building much of the world's railways in the 19th century. By 1847, he had built about one-third of the railways in Britain, and by time of his death in 1870 he had built one in every twenty miles of railway in the world. This included three-quarters of the lines in France, major lines in many other European countries and in Canada, Australia, South America and India. As well as railway engineering, Brassey was active in the development of steamships, mines, locomotive factories, marine telegraphy, and water supply and sewage systems. He built part of the London sewerage system, still in operation today, and was a major shareholder in Brunel's The Great Eastern, the only ship large enough at the time to lay the first transatlantic telegraph cable across the North Atlantic, in 1864. He was the civil engineering contractor responsible for over one third of the railways in Britain and, by the time of his death, had overseen the ...

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