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Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA485982****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 127 cm (50.0")

Width = 102 cm (40.2")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

## Description

Attributed to Joseph Wright of Derby, ARA, 1734-1797 Portrait of Anthony Tissington F.R.S. (1703-1776), holding a Piece of Chalcopryite in his hand , standing in a Mine Shaft Signed/Inscribed: on the stretcher "Tissington" oil on canvas 50 x 40 in. (127 x 102 cm.) Description It is interesting to note that there is a very similar specimen of Galena, with pyrite, chalcopryite, malachite, and quartz in the Hull Museum collection, Accession No:KINCM:1966.101.74 which was formerly in the collection of Anthony Tissington and William Constable, the label on the specimen reads 'lead and copper... mixed as i hear not... before... Anthony Tissington Esq'. Notes Anthony Tissington is shown in a mine shaft holding a large piece Chalcopryite Ore and there is apparently a large vein of it behind his right shoulder. Copper was also exploited in Derbyshire and Staffordshire, the Ecton mine was historically very important. It is possible that the Tissingtons were shareholders in the company that leased Ecton up to 1760, when the Duke of Devonshire took the mine back and worked it on his own account. There were certainly large bits of chalcopryite brought out of Ecton at that tim...

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