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English School 18th, Century Portrait of Jedidiah Buxton 1707–1772, Mathematician & English mental calculator

Price

GBP 3,500

| USD \$4,736 | EUR 4,095

Item Reference: SA780963**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 35 cm (13.8")

Width = 25 cm (9.8")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

English School 18th, Century Portrait of Jedidiah Buxton 1707–1772, Mathematician & English mental calculator
 Jedidiah Buxton Signed/Inscribed: Inscribed at the foot of the Portrait " Jedediah Buxton an extraordinary Calculator was born at Elmeton near Chesterfield 1704 and died 1774 aged 70. Though the son of a schoolmaster and grandson of a clergyman he could neither read nor write. His mental powers were astonishing that in the midst of the most confused noise he would reply with accuracy to the most difficult questions. He was accidental asked by a stranger how many cubic eighths of an inch there were in a body whose three sides were 23,578 yards and though surrounded by a hundred labourers he in five hours gave a correct answer to the astonished stranger." oil on canvas 35 x 25 cm. (14 x 10 in.) Buxton, Jedidiah (1707–1772), mental arithmetician, was born on 20 March 1707 at Elmtton, Derbyshire, the eldest of four surviving children of William Buxton (1672–1739), originally from Chelmorton, but then a farmer and schoolmaster of Elmtton, and his wife, Sarah (1677–1760), daughter of John Short of Elmtton. His paternal grandmother, Ann, was married to John Davenport, v...

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