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SA791770

Victorian Staffordshire Figure of Prince Albert

Price

GBP 150
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Item Reference: SA791770

Date of manufacture: Victorian

Dimensions

Height = 28 cm (11.0")

Width = 13 cm (5.1")

Description

Charming Victorian Staffordshire figure of Prince Albert Condition: Very good. Little wear to paint of hair on the right, and small indent on the base as shown. Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha was consort of Queen Victoria from their marriage on 10 Feb 1840 until his death from typhoid in 1861. He fathered 9 children with Queen Victoria, and largely managed the royal household. A person with progressive ideas, he showed great zeal in supporting public causes such as educational reform. He was the force behind the Great Exhibition of 1851. The surplus from this astoundingly successful venture was used to buy land in South Kensington for the establishment of Imperial College, the Natural History Museum, the Science Museum, the Victoria & Albert Museum and the Royal Albert Hall. A combination of the right clays, inventive potters such as Josiah Wedgwood and available labour made the Staffordshire district the centre of the china industry. Many small forgotten factories as well as the giants such as Spode, Wedgwood, Adams, clustered in the towns of Burslem, Cobridge, Fenton, Longton, Stoke and Tunstall, now incorporated in the present day town of Stoke-on-Trent. Eng...

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