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1843 Cut Silhouette of Cyrus Lomas by Skeolan

Price

GBP 325

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Item Reference: SA827499

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 28 cm (11.0")

Width = 23 cm (9.1")

Description

This poignant silhouette depicts Cyrus Slater Lomas at the age of 1 year and 8 months. He is shown outdoors holding a toy whip and wearing an ankle-length coat with a caped collar and tasseled cap. It is unclear whether this profile was cut from life or from recollection as sadly Cyrus died around this time. * Born in May 1841 at Ardwick Green in Lancashire, Cyrus sadly died less than two years later in January 1843. His death was announced in the Manchester Courier '... after a short affliction, Cyrus Slater Lomas aged 1 year 8 months & 3 days, only child of Mr Thomas Lomas, corn factor of Ardwick Green'. * His parents, Thomas and Mary, went on to have four daughters. The name Cyrus came from his mother's side of the family: she had a little brother Cyrus, born in 1820 who died in 1823 as did her mother. Following her father's re-marriage, she then had a step-brother named Cyrus born in 1824 who died in 1825. Despite having been an old family name for generations, Cyrus had apparently by the 19th century become an unlucky omen for a child. * The silhouette is cut out and is gilded with a watercolour wash base. It is stamped on the reverse with the artist's stencil - P. Ske...

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