

SA87092

Portrait of the veterinary surgeon Joseph White holding a pelican tooth extractor by John E Fernley (1782-1860)

Price

GBP 2,500

| USD \$3,383 | EUR 2,925

Item Reference: SA87092**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 98 cm (38.6")

Width = 68 cm (26.8")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

Oil on canvas Size: 90.00 x 60.00 cm; 35.43 x 23.62 ins Joseph White appears to be holding a pelican, or tooth extractor which may indicate his profession being that of a veterinary surgeon. In the trade directory for Melton Mowbray year 1846, there are three vets working in Melton Mowbray in that year one of them being J. White, his name is listed twice in the account book for Fernely. (The John Fernely of Melton Mowbray of John Fernely by Guy Paget written in 1931.) The Name appears first under no. 78 as the purchaser of a portrait of a horse painting and under no. 254 as the purchaser of a horse painting, also a portrait of himself, that is of J White. At the time Fernely owned two horses as he went hunting with the local hunt and one of the three vets would have had to attend to any horse matters. Fernely was reluctant to paint portraits and only did them if he was pushed and then only to, in most cases people he was closely associated with. With reference to the pelican which was used to extract teeth, if you scale the toll up it will be some 7 inches long and 3 inches. With reference to J White working in Melton Mowbray as a Vet in that period, he is in the Wrights ...

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