

**SA967431**

## Joseph Thraves, Portrait Of A Scholar - Antique Oil Painting

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA967431****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 111 cm (43.7")

Width = 93 cm (36.6")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

## Description

This charming portrait by Derbyshire artist Joseph Thraves (1805-1851) depicts a scholar proudly standing with his hand on an open book. It's likely that the family commissioned this piece following the offer of a prestigious scholarship for the young man. In Victorian England, scholarships provided middle-class children with an opportunity to better themselves. Traditionally, the best education was reserved for those with upper-class backgrounds but scholarships widened the net to include a broader group. Of course, the majority of children in Britain were not afforded an education at all and sent out to work from an early age. So it was quite a boon when your child was given an educational lifeline. As you can imagine, when a scholarship was offered to a child from a middle-class family, this was met with much satisfaction. Indeed, it also enabled the family to seek loftier aspirations and head towards the status of 'upper middle class'. Here, we see the family celebrating their young lad and the portrait would've proudly hung in the most public room of the house. 'Do come in and see a splendid portrait of our son, hasn't he done well'. It's highly likely that the f...

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