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Price

GBP 2,800

| USD \$3,789 | EUR 3,276

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Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 59 cm (23.2")

Width = 49 cm (19.3")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

Thomas Robson 1798-1871 Portrait of Thomas Thomasson , political economist and a campaigner for the repeal of the Corn Laws oil on canvas 59 x 49 cm. The Thomassons were a Quaker family of cotton spinning industrialists. In the middle of the 18th century, Thomas Thomasson sold a small landed estate near Kendal and invested the money in stone quarries. The quarries provided the large flag stones used for block printing on calico fabric. A few years later, Thomasson decided to go into the cotton trade for himself, building a small mill on the Quarlton Road. The firm was not successful, and was dissolved at the beginning of the 19th century. Thomas Thomasson died in 1782 and his son John became manager of the Old Mill at Eagley Bridge. In 1821 he too went into the cotton trade on his own at Mill Hill. John Thomasson's son, Thomas, born in 1808, inherited the business on his father's death in 1837. In 1841 he built the first of the Mill Hill factories, adding additional factories in 1853 and 1859. Thomas Thomasson was a free trader, active in the movement alongside Richard Cobden, John Bright and Mr Fox of Oldham. His eldest son, John Pennington Thomasson (1841-1904?), becam...

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