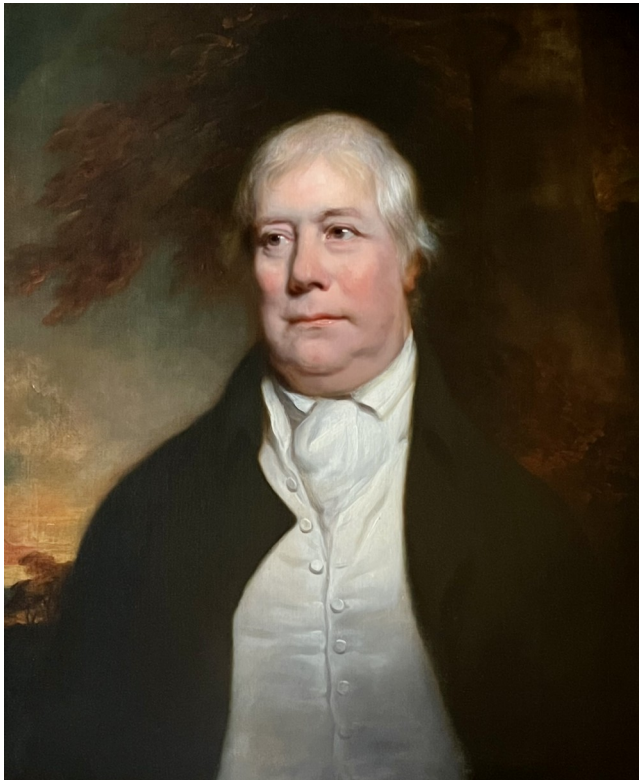


SA986140**OIL ON CANVAS SCOTTISH
REGENCY PORTRAIT OF A
GENTLEMAN - ATTRIBUTED
TO JOHN WATSON GORDON
(1788-1864)**

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA986140****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 92 cm (36.2")

Width = 79 cm (31.1")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

A fine and masterful portrait of a gentleman attributed to the celebrated Scottish artist John Watson Gordon (1788-1864). The silver-haired sitter is depicted half-length within a wooded landscape in front of a setting sun. In contrast to the natural environment, he is elegantly dressed in the traditional costume of a gentleman of substance, namely a black jacket and shimmering white silk waistcoat and stock. With his head slightly inclined, as if to avoid eye contact with the viewer, he appears lost in thought. His sensitive and fleeting expression shows the artist's skill in rendering acute observant character. John Watson Gordon (1788-1864)

Gordon was born John Watson in Edinburgh the eldest son of Captain Watson, R.A. He was educated specifically to prepare him for enrolling in the Royal Engineers; however, he showed a natural aptitude for art, and his father was persuaded to allow him to adopt it as his profession. Captain Watson was himself a skilful draughtsman, and his brother George Watson afterwards president of the Royal Scottish Academy, was a highly respected portrait painter, second only to Sir...

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