

Basic Detail Report

Portrait of Joseph Bird, aged 65 years

Date

1780

Primary Maker

Joachim Smith

Medium

wax

Description

This portrait was posted on the CINOA website, where a photograph of its reverse shows that it is inscribed in pen and ink on the reverse of the frame: 'Joseph Bird Esq. Upton House (in the county of Essex) died 30th April, 1793 aged 78 years'. The same site states that the portrait is initialed on the wax shoulder 'J.S.' and dated '1780', making the sitter 65 years old. It was one of four wax portraits of the Bird family by Smith that were being offered for sale by Finch & Co, 2 Brompton Road, London SW7 3DQ (presumably from whom David Thomson purchased this portrait).

Dimensions

Overall: 17.8 × 15.2 cm (7 × 6 in.)