



Bust - Henry VIII

Object: Bust

Place of origin: England (made)

Date: ca. 1756 - ca. 1767 (made)

Artist/Maker: Town, Robert (attributed to)

Materials and Techniques: Carved cannel coal with paste emerald fastening

Museum number: 35-1870

Gallery location: In Storage

Public access description

This bust, attributed to Robert Town (active 1756-1767), is made of the local seams of cannel, a fossilised material resembling jet, found in the coal seams near Wigan, Lancashire. A portrait medallion of Henry VIII in cannel coal of about 1755, also attributed to Town, is in the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam.

Descriptive line

Bust, of Henry VIII, attributed to Robert Town, English, ca. 1756-1767; inscribed 1528

Physical description

Portrait of Henry VIII carved in cannel coal with paste emerald fastening to the ruff.

Dimensions

Height: 42.5 cm, Width: 11.50 in

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Object history note

Purchased from Mr P. Albert, London in 1870 for £20.

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