



Thomas Fentham 136 the Strand a Late Georgian Gothic Revival Gilt Wall Mirror

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Price on Application

MAKER	Thomas Fentham & Co
PERIOD	Gothic Revival , 1800-1809
ORIGIN	United Kingdom
MATERIALS	Giltwood, Mirror, Pine
DIMENSIONS	H: 81 in (205.74 cm) W: 47 in (119.38 cm) D: 4.45 in (11.3 cm)
CONDITION	Good

About this piece

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, 136 Strand, London (1793-1824). Carvers and gilders, glass grinders, looking glass and picture frame makers. A rare and important Late Georgian Gothic gilt wall mirror with carved foliate details.

Thomas Fentham (d. 1808) was a leading looking glass and picture frame maker in the Strand, London, whose business was carried on after his death by his son, **Thomas John Fentham** (1787-1843). It was dissolved in 1820 and subsequently acquired by **William Fromm** (qv).

Thomas Fentham: Fentham took apprentices **Edward Langley** for a premium of £20 in 1772 and **John Bainbridge** for £30 in 1782. His name was occasionally misspelt in documentation, but Fentham would appear to be the individual who made picture frames and

glasses for **Edward Knight**, Kidderminster, (1774-91) (*Penny 1986 p. 813*, and information from the author).

He supplied **Lady Heathcote** with a frame for a picture of **Mr Folkstone** in 1779, and he was paid by **Charles Townley** for picture frames in 1782 (*DE FM*).

He supplied picture frames for the **3rd Earl of Egremont**, (1794, 1799-1800) (*West Sussex Record Office, P HA/7557, 8056*). He made numerous high-quality decorative looking glasses, as described in the *Dictionary of English Furniture Makers* and many periodicals of the day. Therefore, this mirror was made between (1793-1824).