

19th century Staffordshire Pottery flat back figure of Shakespeare

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Height: 47 cm (18.5")

Width: 25 cm (9.8")

Depth: 10 cm (3.9")

Description

A 19th century Staffordshire Pottery flat back figure of William Shakespeare circa 1840-1860

Staffordshire pottery flat back figures are ceramic figurines produced primarily in Staffordshire, England, during the 19th century. Designed to be displayed on mantels or shelves, their backs were often left flat and unglazed, reducing production costs.

These charming, brightly coloured figures depicted a wide range of subjects, including royalty, military heroes, animals, and scenes from popular culture or current events. Affordable and mass-produced, they were especially popular among the Victorian working and middle classes. Each piece, often slightly naive in style, offered a decorative glimpse into the tastes and values of the time.