



Bruce Talbert. A Reformed Gothic brass triform mantel timepiece

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DESIGNER	Bruce James Talbert
PERIOD	Reformed Gothic
YEAR	1875
MATERIALS	Brass

About this piece

Bruce Talbert (1838-1881). A Reformed Gothic brass triform mantel timepiece. The movement stamped 'UAP Brevete SGDG', engraved with mottoes and 'WGCT Broadlands July 26 1875'. 23.5cm high, 21cm wide The mottoes read 'The Web thou Weavest Everyday I Meander Off Fold Away Jesus Christ The Fame Yesterday Today Forever' Broadlands is an important house near Romsey in Hampshire, then the home of the Temple family whose most famous member is Henry John Temple, third Viscount Palmerston (1784-1865), who was prime minister 1855-8 and 1859-65. At the time, this clock was commissioned Broadlands was owned by William Francis Cowper-Temple, Baron Mount-Temple (1811-1888) was inherited it from his mother in 1869 and she from Lord Palmerson at his death in 1865. After William's death in 1888, the house remained in the family for a short period with his wife, Georgina Cowper Temple, Lady Mount-Temple (1821?-1901). The initials on the clock 'W G C. T. BROADLANDS JULY 26th 1875' no doubt stands for William Georgina Cowper Temple. William Francis Cowper, first and last Lord Mount Temple was the son of Peter Leopold Louis Francis Nassau Cowper, 5th Earl Cowper. He was born on 13 December 1811. He married Harriet Alicia Gurney, daughter of Daniel Gurney, on 27 June 1843. He married Georgina Tollemache, daughter of Admiral John Richard Delap Tollemache and Lady Elizabeth Stratford, on 21 November 1848. He died on 17 October at age 76.