



A Victorian banded agate engraved swivel seal with gold mounting. Portrait of Jupiter Ammon

Seal 16 × 22 mm; overall height 28 mm. Weight 8.85 g.

Probably English work, Victorian period, 19th century

Victorian swivel seal in banded agate engraved in intaglio, set in a pivoting gold frame with suspension loop. The bezel swivels within its mount to show either the stone or the engraving — the characteristic fob-seal device of the 19th century.

The intaglio bears a portrait of Jupiter Ammon facing left, the bearded head crowned with the ram's horns curling at the temple that identify the god. The deep engraving exploits the white and brown veining of the banded agate: the pale band lifts the face against the darker ground, an effect prized by Victorian engravers. The nervous locks of hair and beard follow the antique models revived by neoclassical taste.