

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Bracket Clock

George Graham (British, ca. 1674–1751)

Date ca. 1695–97

Medium Ebony and oak

Dimensions 11 5/16 x 6 15/16 x 4 13/16 in. (28.7 x 17.7 x 12.3 cm)

Credit Line Bequest of Winthrop Kellogg Edey, 1999

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Commentary The most celebrated English clockmaker of his time, George Graham did much to establish England as the leader in the manufacture of clocks and watches. In 1696, a year after the completion of his apprenticeship, he went to work for England's most eminent clockmaker, Thomas Tompion, marrying Tompion's niece and inheriting his business when he died in 1713. This clock reflects the strong influence of Tompion's style. It also bears a number (272) that, according to Tompion's numbering system, dates it to between 1695 and 1697, making it an early work by Graham, perhaps begun when he was still in Tompion's employ. Source: Vignon, Charlotte. *The Frick Collection Decorative Arts Handbook*. New York: The Frick Collection/Scala, 2015.