

**SA1011085**

## Ward Heys, A Cottage In Snowdonia, Wales - Antique Watercolour

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA1011085****Date of manufacture: 1870**

### Dimensions

Height = 43 cm (16.9")

Width = 52 cm (20.5")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

## Description

This rugged late 19th-century watercolour by British artist Ward Heys (1836-1911) depicts a Snowdonian landscape with thatched cottage, figure and chickens. Perched alongside a ramshackle cottage amid lofty environs, the artist sets to work. Capturing the crags and wind-battered foliage of a misty, overcast view. He's working outside, painting from life, on a chilly day in dramatic Snowdonia. Perhaps he took shelter in this cottage with its tatty thatch and wonky facade. Artists would often befriend the locals for a bite to eat and a warm fire. Heys was interesting - equally adept with numeracy as he was with a pencil. As the Treasurer of the Manchester Academy of Fine Arts, he'd give financial presentations between sketching tours to picturesque locations. His approach was to reproduce nature faithfully, in all its tangled complexity. Note the variety of tones and unusual composition. It's also fitting that he used textured paper for such a rusticated scene. How far did he venture up on this cold and tempestuous day? All in the name of good art. Signed/dated lower right and held within a glazed frame. Medium: Watercolour on paper Overall size: 20½" x 17" / 52cm x 43...

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