

SA1012629

George Lowthian Hall, Anstey Cove, Torquay, Devon - Antique Watercolour

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1012629****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 60 cm (23.6")

Width = 83 cm (32.7")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

This late 19th-century watercolour by British artist George Lowthian Hall (1825-1888) depicts a radiant view of Anstey Cove in Torquay, Devon. At the height of Summer, the crystal clear waters and brilliant blue sky seem distinctly Mediterranean. Yet this is Torquay in 1871, peppered with grazing sheep and distant sailboats. Referred to as 'the English Riviera', Torquay has long been popular with visitors. The Victorians loved its sandy beaches, brisk sea air, and entertainment. Hall was a keen traveller, spending several years in Brazil, where he married his wife, Emma. One can imagine him drawn to warmer climes. His composition here is particularly masterful with the light illuminating the jagged facade of the cliffs, while the foreground is rendered in shade. A solitary figure strolls between trees. Signed/dated lower left, framed and glazed. Medium: Watercolour on paper Overall size: 32½" x 23½" / 83cm x 60cm Year of creation: 1871 Labels & Inscriptions: Gallery label from S Coombes on the reverse with an address of 175, Strand, WC2. Samuel Coombes occupied this address from 1882. Condition: Artwork presents well. Frame with some light wear. Artist's auction maxim...

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