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19th-Century British School, Portrait Of The Fully-Rigged Clan Mackenzie - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1081711****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 55 cm (21.7")

Width = 68 cm (26.8")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This late 19th-century British oil painting depicts the Clan Mackenzie, a fully-rigged three-masted sailing ship. Built in 1882 for Thomas Dunlop and Son of Glasgow, Scotland, this impressive iron-hulled vessel led a life of service before its demise during World War I. Launched from the well-known shipyard of Robert Duncan and Co Ltd, Port Glasgow, the Clan Mackenzie was over 250 feet long and weighed 1,597 net tons. Regarded as the fastest in her fleet, she undertook numerous voyages for the Clan Line before being sold to Norwegian owners in 1909 and renamed 'Majorka'. Following the outbreak of war, transatlantic travel became increasingly perilous due to the presence of German U-boats patrolling the shipping lanes. Numerous ships were targeted as they undertook vital trips to collect war goods from America before returning to British ports. On one such trip, in 1917, the Clan Mackenzie left London for Delaware but was sunk by a mine. An explosion on her port side was followed by a second and split the ship in two. Within minutes, she was underwater, with the crew struggling to escape. Just eleven survived. In 1998, her wreckage was discovered and identified via an in...

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