

SA1091969

William Shayer, Waiting For The Ferry - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1091969****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 84 cm (33.1")

Width = 116 cm (45.7")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This charming mid-19th-century oil painting by British artist William Shayer (1787-1879) depicts a river landscape with villagers waiting for a ferry. Shayer was an accomplished painter of figures and rural scenes. Several local characters including a bonneted young lady atop a white pony rest awhile as they wait for the river ferry to return. An elderly lady holds a baby swaddled in blue, while a calf tilts its head in the hope of a meal. It's a restful scene of everyday rural life, probably sketched in the New Forest where Shayer often drew inspiration. Born the son of a publican, Shayer was raised in the 'Horse and Jockey' pub in Southampton, Hampshire. His father passed away early in life, leaving his widowed mother to take care of the family single-handedly while also serving customers. As such, to generate some much-needed income, he was sent to work as a young lad, decorating rush-bottom chairs. Subsequently undertaking an apprenticeship as a carriage painter. Numerous artists from this period began their careers as carriage painters and it was far from an easy endeavour. Aside from the skills required for paint preparation, apprentices were expected to learn ho...

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