

SA1105633

George Weatherill "Whitby" watercolour

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1105633****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 30 cm (11.8")

Width = 34 cm (13.4")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

George Weatherill (1810-1890) is known as one of Yorkshire's finest watercolourists. He spent his entire life in the Whitby area, developing such a reputation as an artist that he became known as the 'Turner of the North'. The second son of a Yorkshire farmer, George Weatherill was born in the fishing village of Staithes on 18 September 1810. A delicate, intelligent child, he spent much of his spare time down by the shore sketching in the sand. During an apprenticeship to a solicitor, he became acquainted with George Haydock Dodgson, a local painter, who discovered and developed his artistic talent. At the age of 20, he moved to Whitby to work for Henry Butcher, later joining the staff of the bankers Simpson and Chapman. Yet he painted whenever possible, exploring the surrounding villages and towns in order to find picturesque compositions, and rising early to study the sunrise. Becoming particularly inspired by J M W Turner, he made a number of engravings of his work. He exhibited pictures in metropolitan exhibitions, at the Society of British Artists and the Dudley Gallery, but was mainly patronised by Northern industrialists and merchants. After a career as a banker h...

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