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Frank H. Mason "Herring Drifters, Yorkshire Coast" watercolour

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Item Reference: SA1107320

Date of manufacture: 1920

Dimensions

Height = 56 cm (22.0")

Width = 73 cm (28.7")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

Frank Henry Algernon Mason was an exceptionally talented artist. Born in 1875 at Seaton Carew, by the age of eleven Mason was undertaking cabin boy duties on his grandfather's brig delivering coal from West Hartlepool to Shoreham in Sussex. In February 1888 he undertook a course of study on the premier naval training ship HMS Conway and for two and a half years he learnt many practical skills for a future seafaring life. Mason's life was spent in the atmosphere of shipping and he once said "the sea and ships are in my bones". During the early 1890's Scarborough had a colony of artists including Thomas Bush Hardy and Ernest Dade who could often be seen at work down on the harbour painting local views. Mason, who was inspired when watching them at work, taught himself to draw and paint. By 1893, the young Frank Mason was painting and sketching local views of the coast, but was still an amateur. Mason stated he "never had the smallest artistic training.... his only teacher was his natural instinct". However, he eventually gave up engineering around 1895 to become a professional painter backed by regular commissions from Scarborough's premier art dealer, Haydon Hare. During ...

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