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Follower of Benjamin West 'The Mendicants' Oil on Canvas

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1117719****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 61.5 cm (24.2")

Width = 48 cm (18.9")

Description

Follower of Benjamin West 'The Mendicants', travellers on a path with a fortified town in the distance, oil on canvas, in a 19th century gilt-gesso frame. With an old attribution label verso and a metal rimmed disc inscribed 'ELLIS DETROIT TRUST CO'. In excellent condition, the canvas has been re-lined at some point but not recently. 61.5cm x 48cm including frame. Benjamin West PRA (1738 - 1820) was a British-American artist. Initially a self-taught portrait painter he went on to specialise in historical and religious subjects. He toured Europe whilst on The Grand Tour, eventually settling in London where he gained patronage from King George III and was appointed historical painter to the court and Surveyor of the King's Pictures. He was also largely responsible for the formation of the Royal Academy, becoming the second president after Sir Joshua Reynolds. He is buried in St. Paul's Cathedral. Interestingly the reverse of the painting bears a tag from 'The Detroit Trust Company'. Originally founded in 1849 as The Detroit Savings Fund Institute and merging with the Detroit Savings Bank in 1956 to become the Detroit Bank & Trust Company. After various subsequent merg...

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