

**SA1137241**

## Edward William Cooke RA, West-Country Cove With Cottages, Family & Donkeys - Antique Oil Painting

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA1137241****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 72 cm (28.3")

Width = 91 cm (35.8")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

## Description

This idyllic late 19th-century oil painting by English artist Edward William Cooke RA (1811-1880) depicts a west-country cove with two cottages, donkeys, figures, and fishing boats. Cooke was a highly renowned painter of marine scenes and landscapes who exhibited extensively at London's Royal Academy. From our elevated vantage point, the view extends between two quaint cottages and across the beach before sweeping around the sandy coastline. Crystalline waters lap the shore, where moored craft rest. It's an accomplished rendering of a challenging composition. It's enhanced by trees, which essentially 'frame' the right side, while a wooded track provides interest on the left. Cooke was a keen admirer of the Dutch old masters, and the spirit of the Golden Age underpins this splendid work. In diaries, he recorded how he travelled by donkey to access elevated spots in the southwest, so it's conceivable that he did so here. In his catalogue raisonn  , it lists a work from the same year titled 'Bay with Donkeys'. Born in Pentonville, London, Cooke was raised in the company of accomplished artists as both his father, George Cooke (1781-1834), and his uncle, William Berna...

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