

**SA1149141**

## William Kay Blacklock ARCA, Continental Farmhouse In Summer - Antique Watercolour

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA1149141****Date of manufacture: 1920**

Dimensions

Height = 53 cm (20.9")

Width = 45 cm (17.7")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

## Description

This charming early 20th-century watercolour by eminent British artist William Kay Blacklock ARCA (1872-1924) depicts an elderly lady carrying a basket and parasol before a farmhouse. Born in Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, Blacklock's early years appear to be rather turbulent. His father, John Blacklock, an engine fitter, lost his life early, leaving his mother to raise the family alone. In 1891, the census records him living in Carlisle where his mother worked as a publican. One can't imagine the stresses placed upon a Victorian family in this situation. To help with the finances, the budding artist gained an apprenticeship working for a lithographer and before long enrolled at the Royal College of Art in London. At just 25, he debuted at the Royal Academy with 'The Home of the Fisherman, Whitby'. A keen draughtsman, he excelled at figure work with a particular skill for light effects and drapery. In a piece titled 'Playing with Mother', a red-cheeked toddler sits by grasses on a beach, while her doting mum prods a yellow spade in the sand. The outfits and expressions are handled beautifully. The mother wears a straw hat with a ribbon, shading her face from the radiant ...

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