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John Hodgson Lobley RBA, The Old Market Place, Huddersfield - Antique Oil Painting

Price

GBP 3,000

| USD \$4,060 | EUR 3,510

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Date of manufacture: 1900

Dimensions

Height = 62 cm (24.4")

Width = 67 cm (26.4")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

This early 20th-century oil painting by English artist John Hodgson Lobley RBA (1878-1954) depicts The Old Market Place in Huddersfield, Yorkshire. Painted in 1905, this lively view captures the heart of a town that shaped Lobley's early life and artistic ambitions. Before studying in London and becoming one of Britain's leading war artists, Lobley grew up among these streets. He's recorded it as he knew it - full of movement, conversation and changing light. The composition is alive with activity. Market stalls spread across the square beneath pale canvas awnings, while shoppers weave between them in small groups. Figures pause to talk; others continue purposefully on their way, their long shadows stretching across the sunlit ground. At the centre stands the market cross, quietly anchoring the bustle around it, while the surrounding Georgian and Victorian buildings rise through a soft atmospheric haze. Perhaps the most striking quality is the handling of light. Bright morning sunshine pours into the square, illuminating the white market tents and catching the shoulders of passing figures before dissolving into softer shadows beneath the surrounding buildings. Rather...

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