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John Horace Hooper, Clymping, Sussex - Antique Oil Painting

Price

GBP 1,700

| USD \$2,300 | EUR 1,989

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Date of manufacture: 1890

Dimensions

Height = 53 cm (20.9")

Width = 73 cm (28.7")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This peaceful late 19th-century oil painting by English artist John Horace Hooper (1852-1906) depicts a rural scene at Clymping in Sussex. Hooper possessed a remarkable ability to transport the viewer into the idyllic English countryside. Clymping (or Climping as it's more commonly known) is a village on the Sussex coast and evidently a place that he cherished. Ducks wander freely across the farmyard, a rider approaches along the dusty track, while the great tree at the heart of the composition seems almost to breathe as its branches catch the passing breeze. Hooper's brushwork is central to the painting's appeal. Rather than describing every leaf or blade of grass with meticulous precision, he's built the scene through confident, fluid strokes that allow light and atmosphere to shimmer across the canvas. The foliage appears to sway, the clouds drift overhead, and the pond reflects the ever-changing sky. One almost hears the soft chatter of ducks and the distant sounds of everyday farm life. Although Hooper is best known for his Thames landscapes, he approached rural subjects with the same affection for nature's quieter moods. Throughout his career, he preferred places...

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