

SA173335**Alfred Leyman 1856-1933**

**St Margarets Charity
Almshouse, Exeter Road,
Honiton, East Devon**

Price

GBP 700

| USD \$947 | EUR 819

Item Reference: SA173335**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 35 cm (13.8")

Width = 45 cm (17.7")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

Alfred Leyman 1856-1933 St Margarets Charity Almshouse, Exeter Road, Honiton, East Devon signed pencil and watercolour 12 x 16 in. (31 x 41 cm.) In the early 1500's Thomas Chard, Abbott of Forde Abbey, restored St Margarets Chapel which was then used as a leper hospital. By the late 1700's there was no need for a leper hospital so the buildings were used as Almshouses for the poor and elderly to live in. the property was in use until 1949 as almshouses but are all in private hands now. Leyman was born in Summerland Street in Exeter in 1856 and was the son of John Francis Leyman, a seaman in the Merchant Service. He moved to Honiton in 1888 and became Art Master at Allhallows School in 1893, a post he filled for forty years until 1933. This seems an extraordinary feat based on the evidence of one pupil who said that Leyman 'had no real teaching ability and he would have been happier alone with his easel, and away from the gathering of rowdy boys'. He seldom left Devon, with the exception of short trips to West Dorset and Somerset, to places like Porlock and Lynton. He supplemented his teaching income by painting popular resorts for the visitors and we regularly see Leym...

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