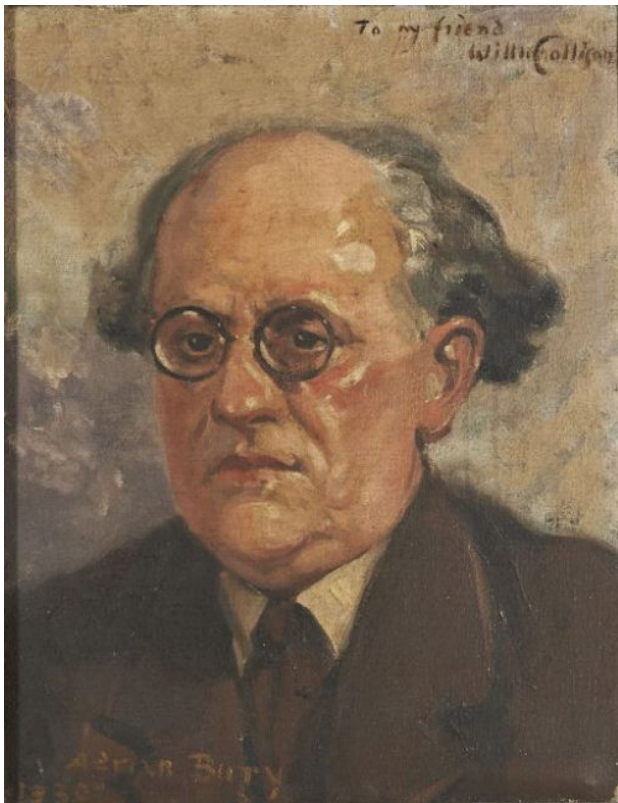


SA299650

Adrian Bury 1891-1991 Portrait of William Collison 1865-1938

Price

GBP 2,000

| USD \$2,706 | EUR 2,340

Item Reference: SA299650**Date of manufacture: 1930**

Dimensions

Height = 54 cm (21.3")

Width = 44 cm (17.3")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

Adrian Bury 1891-1991 Portrait of William Collison 1865-1938 signed and inscribed and dated "To My Friend/William Collison/1930" oil on canvas 18.1/4 x 14.1/4 in. (46 x 36 cm.) William Collison, (1865-1938), workers' leader, was born on 22 June 1865 at 22 Greenfield Street, Mile End, London, the eldest of twelve children of William Collison, policeman, and his wife, Leah (née Brett). Collison's formal education did not progress beyond elementary school; it must be presumed that his later fluency with the pen was the result of his own efforts at self-improvement. A long series of casual jobs, punctuated by a two-year period of service in the British army, took him into the world of London's dockland. His talents as an agitator and as an organizer soon became apparent. In 1886 he was elected as a delegate to the Mansion House Unemployed Relief Committee, where he was befriended by Cardinal Manning. Later he became a paid official of the Tramway and Omnibus Employees' Trade Union. Collison's early enthusiasm for trade unions began to wane. In 1890 he declined to support a strike called by the Tramway Union in protest against moves by the employers to counter disho...

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