

SA486007

Alfred Leyman, 1856 - 1933 The Ship Inn Porlock, Exmoor, Devon

Price

GBP 850

| USD \$1,150 | EUR 995

Item Reference: SA486007**Date of manufacture: 1920**

Dimensions

Height = 38 cm (15.0")

Width = 55 cm (21.7")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

Alfred Leyman, 1856 - 1933 The Ship Inn Porlock, Exmoor, Devon Signed/Inscribed: "A Leyman" pencil and watercolour 15 x 22in. (38 x 55 cm.) The Ship Inn was built in 1290, making it one of the oldest inns in the country. It is believed that even before that date some sort of hostelry existed on the site. In those days the sea came up to where the village school now stands. The Ship Inn was situated very close to the shoreline - an ideal spot for smuggling! It is rumoured that at least one secret tunnel exists, linking the Inn to a nearby cottage: useful for getting rid of contraband when the excise men came knocking! In 1682 The Ship was a venue for a clandestine meeting between smugglers and a corrupt revenue officer. The story leaked out and the revenue officer stood trial. Throughout its long history the Inn has been at the forefront of village life. Sometimes the close links with the community were not always very happy. In 1754 shooting at the Inn's sign seems to have been a local sport. The then owner was given 10/6d in compensation. Usually however, the Inn and the village lived in harmony. Over the years, until fairly recently, many customers rode to the Inn o...

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