

SA982406

John Smart RSA RSW, The Grounds Of A Scottish Baronial Mansion - Watercolour

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA982406****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 64 cm (25.2")

Width = 93 cm (36.6")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

This late 19th-century watercolour by Scottish artist John Smart RSA RSW (1838-1899) depicts the grounds of a Scottish mansion in the baronial style. Rooted atop a lofty peak, a grand old building beams with neo-gothic splendour. Its symmetrical casements and baronial turrets gaze across a chasm of rugged scenery. But despite its presence, it's overshadowed by nature - buried in foliage and battered by the wind. Trees in the foreground tower above it, amplified with perspective. Smart was a proud Scot, keen to convey not only the abundant beauty of his native land but also its unique character. He avoided contrivance in favour of rustic truths, selecting compositions which captured the Scotland he loved. Here, we see strength via a dignified house, partially obscured by wind-swept bushes. A verdant view rolling majestically beyond it. He could've approached it differently, with the building more prominent, or the valley amplified. But his was a quiet power, imbued with modesty and elevated by the environment. The location is unknown but Smart drew several Scottish mansions including Blair Drummond House. Held within a later frame and glazed. Medium: Watercolour on p...

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