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## Thomas Sidney Cooper R.A. - “Country Friends” – ref 2038

*Country Friends* is magnificent finely detailed work, depicting a group of sheep with two donkeys on a hillside with a dramatic sky backdrop. It is painted by probably the most famous of all 19<sup>th</sup> century animal painters – Thomas Sidney Cooper.

*Born in Canterbury in 1803, his early life was marred by poverty. He was educated at the RA schools, where he was encouraged by Sir Thomas Lawrence. In 1827 he moved to Brussels where he taught art. It was at this time he met the animal painter Eugene Verboeckhoven, who strongly influenced his work. In 1831 Cooper returned to London, and he first exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1833, before the accession of Queen Victoria, and exhibited his last picture a year after her death in 1902, a very long career. His works can be found in many British Galleries including the Tate in London. Cooper became ARA in 1845, and a member of the RA in 1867. He was like many other artists of that time; a tremendously hard worker and ultimately became very financially successful. He was also a man of some principle, in that he continued to paint individual canvases, he could simply have repeated himself and made a fortune!*

*Inscribed verso Sold to Watkins Esq, by H L Rolfe May 8<sup>th</sup> 1867 of 31 Nicholas Lane, City (of London).*



**Provenance:** With Thomas Agnew and Sons, latterly private collection London

**Price:** £19,900.

**Artist & Painting:** **Thomas Sidney Cooper** (1803 - 1902) – “Country Friends” - dated 1870. Signed and dated lower left. Oil on mahogany panel in a New English made swept gilt wood & gesso frame. Gallery label affixed to rear.

**Dimensions of image:** 24” wide x 18” high, 60cm wide x 46cm high.

**Restorations:** The painting has been lightly cleaned.

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