

EDMUND NIEMANN SNR - "BONSALL CROSS, DERBYSHIRE" - REF 2182



A highly detailed living study of Bonsall Cross in the village of Bonsall in Derbyshire, England observed in the mid 19th century by the astute eye of Edmund John Niemann Snr. The village today is located on the "limestone way" in the Peak District National Park.

Niemann was born in Islington, London in 1813. His father, John Diedrich Niemann, was a native of Minden, Westphalia and worked in the City of London at Lloyd's. As a young man, Edmund was employed as a clerk at Lloyd's, but he decided to devote himself to art and in 1839 settled in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, mostly painting out of doors. Though he especially enjoyed painting the scenery of the Thames and of the River Swale, near Richmond in Yorkshire, yet all areas of the British Isles are covered in the corpus of his work.

Between 1844 and 1872, he exhibited paintings at a wide range of prestigious galleries including the Royal Academy, the British Institution, the Society of British Artists in Suffolk St, the Royal Scottish Academy, the Royal Institute, the Glasgow Institute, and the Paris Salon. He returned to London in 1848 for the foundation of the 'Free Exhibition' held in the Chinese Gallery at Hyde Park Corner. In 1850 this became the Portland Gallery, Regent Street, and he became its Secretary. His paintings are characterised by great versatility, natural colours, and visual realism, often in the romantic artistic style of J.M.W. Turner, Corot and Caspar David Friedrich.

PRICE: £6,500

Provenance: The Estate of Dr Robert Allison, Derby. Purchased from Richard Green Galleries, London.

Artist & Painting: Edmund John Niemann, British (1813-1976) – "Bonsall Cross, Derbyshire" – oil on canvas, Dated 1871. Signed, titled & dated '71 lower left.

Dimensions of Image: 24" wide, 18" high; 61cm wide, 46cm high.

Restorations: The painting has been lightly cleaned and re-framed probably in the mid 20th century.

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