

SIDNEY RICHARD PERCY - "ACROSS THE COMMON" - REF 2307



A crisply painted summer scene depicting two children watching some sheep grazing at the side of a path winding its way across the common, painted by renowned 19th century artist Sidney Richard Percy.

Born in London, 5th son of Edward Williams of the famous William's family of painters, Sidney began his career when his elder brothers were already well established. His very early work was signed Sidney Williams but at 20 adopted the surname Percy, under which his paintings of Home Counties, Devon, Yorkshire, the Lake District, Skye and North Wales, were to achieve a greater popularity than those of any other member of the Williams family.

When Sidney married in 1863, he and his new family settled in Buckinghamshire. Their Regency home, Hill House was ideally placed for the study of the English wooded landscape, as it looked across the Misbourne Valley to the beech woods and beyond. Percy reached the peak of his popularity as an artist during the years he spent there and was able to support the extravagant tastes of his wife

Percy's palette was bright and realistic, his style meticulous and highly detailed, with a natural air and look to all his work. He regularly exhibited at the Royal Academy (1842-1886), and the British Institute. His works are also found in museums and galleries such as the Victoria Art Gallery, Bath; the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff; The Museum of Fine Arts, Canada; and museums and city art galleries in Leicester, Nottingham, Sheffield, Sunderland, Salford and York. S.R. Percy was probably the most accomplished and best known of the Williams family of painters.

PRICE: £13,900

Provenance: Private collection London.

Artist & Painting: **Sydney Richard Percy, British, (1821-1886)** – "Across the Common" - dated 1848. Signed lower left. Oil on canvas in a new English made swept gilt wood & gesso frame.

Dimensions of Image: 30" wide, 20" high; 76cm wide, 51cm high.

Restorations: The painting has been lightly cleaned. Old re-lining.

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