

STEPHEN ONGPIN FINE ART



Robert Winchester FRASER GARDEN (Scotland 1848 - Gibraltar 1906)

Hanworth, Middlesex

Watercolour and gouache. Laid down.

Signed, dated and titled R. W. Fraser '89 / Hanworth at the lower left.

461 x 738 mm. (18 1/8 x 29 in.)

The present, large sheet is a fine and typical example of Fraser's river landscapes. As one critic has noted of the artist, 'His palette had a small range from the darkest browns through icy greys to rather acid greens and yellows giving little warmth to his work. One feels that he was happiest in the cold spring rain or on a wintry stretch of the river.'

Artist description:

A member of an extensive family of landscape watercolourists from Bedfordshire, Robert Winchester Fraser lived for some time in London and Staines before settling in Mildenhall in Suffolk. Fraser exhibited at the Royal Academy between 1876 and 1892, as well as at the Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolours and the Royal Scottish Academy, showing mainly watercolour views of sites in the South of England. He was the brother of several landscape artists, including William Fraser Garden, and is often confused with his son, Robert James Winchester Fraser (1872-1930), who signed his work 'Robert Winter'.