

SARAH COLEGRAVE  
FINE ART

18 Motcombe Street, Knightsbridge  
John John

Sold



REF: 375111

Height: 53 cm (20.9")

Width: 63.5 cm (25")

Framed Height: 65.5 cm (25.8")

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## Description

JOHN COLE(1903-1975)

18 Motcombe Street, Knightsbridge

Signed l.r.; signed, inscribed with title and the artist's address on a label on the reverseOil on panel

53 by 63.5 cm., 21 by 25 in.(frame size 65.5 by 76.5 cm., 26 by 30 in.)

Exhibited:London, Royal Academy, 1953, no.687;London, Royal Society of British Artists, September 1954, no.209;Portsmouth Museum & Art Gallery, The Cole Family, Painters of the English Landscape, 1838-1975, 1988 no.173.

Literature:T J Barringer, The Cole Family: Painters of the English Landscape 1838-1975, Portsmouth City Museums 1988, p.179, p.181 (no.173)

The shop depicted is the antique dealers Leslie S Scott who were active in the trade in around 1950. Always a fashionable enclave within Belgravia, Motcombe Street has long been a significant address for art, antique dealers and auctioneers (Sotheby's had their Belgravia salerooms there in the 1970s and 1980s). This shop is now the home of the hairdresser Errol Douglas. John Cole was the son of Rex Vicat Cole. He is noted for his unsentimental depictions of London shop fronts, often quaint and old fashioned. He exhibited widely, including at the Royal Academy and New English Art Club. He held official positions with a number of artistic bodies, such as the Campden Hill Club and the St James' Art Society. Pictures by him are in many public collections.