Petticoat Lane, London by Rex Vicat Cole

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Description

REX VICAT COLE(1870-1940)

Petticoat Lane, London

Signed l.l.; inscribed with title and the artist address on labels on the reverse

Oil on panel

28 by 39 cm., 11 by 15 in.(frame size 43 by 55 cm., 17 by 21 in.)

The market in Petticoat Lane, Spitalfields was first established by Huguenot weavers who settled in the new town of Spitalfields in the late seventeenth century. It still remains a thriving fashion and clothing market. Reginald (Rex) Vicat Cole was the son of the artist George Vicat Cole. He began to exhibit in London in the 1890s and was elected a member of the Royal Society of British Artists in 1900. He taught at King’s College London with Byam Shaw and together they opened their own establishment, the Byam Shaw and Vicat Cole School of Art in Camden Street, Kensington in 1910.At the outbreak of the First World War Vicat Cole and Byam Shaw enlisted in the Artists Rifles, although Shaw soon transferred to the Special Constabulary After Shaw’s death in 1919 Vicat Cole was Principal until his retirement in 1926. Known for his landscapes and paintings of trees he also had a keen interest in depicting the streets of London. He held a one-man show “London Old and New” at Robert Dunthorne’s Gallery, Vigo Street, London, in 1935 and planned a bookÂ The Streets of London which was never published. He exhibited at the Royal Academy and elsewhere.