SARAH COLEGRAVE
FINE ART

Lindsey Wharf & Cremorne Road, Old Chelsea

Henry & Walter Greaves

Sold



REF: 236908

Height: 123.444 cm (48.6")

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Width: 156.21 cm (61.5")

Framed Height: 187.96 cm (74")

Framed Width: 218.44 cm (86")

Description

HENRY GREAVES (1844-1900) & WALTER GREAVES (1846-1930)

Henry and Walter Greaves were the sons of a Chelsea boat-builder. When Whistler moved to Chelsea in 1863 the brothers ferried him on his painting and sketching trips on the Thames and across to Battersea having previously performed the same service for Turner. Already amateur artists they became adoring disciples and unpaid studio assistants of the master. Whistler was to have a profound influence on the brothers and the friendship was to effect the rest of their lives leading them to produce murals, oils and portraits in imitation of Whistler. They never fully recovered from Whistler’s later rejection of them. The two brothers also worked together on a wonderful series of watercolours and drawings recording the streets and river life of a changing Chelsea, many of which are now in the collection of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

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