SOLD SS Cumbria - Paddle Tug by Norman Wilkinson

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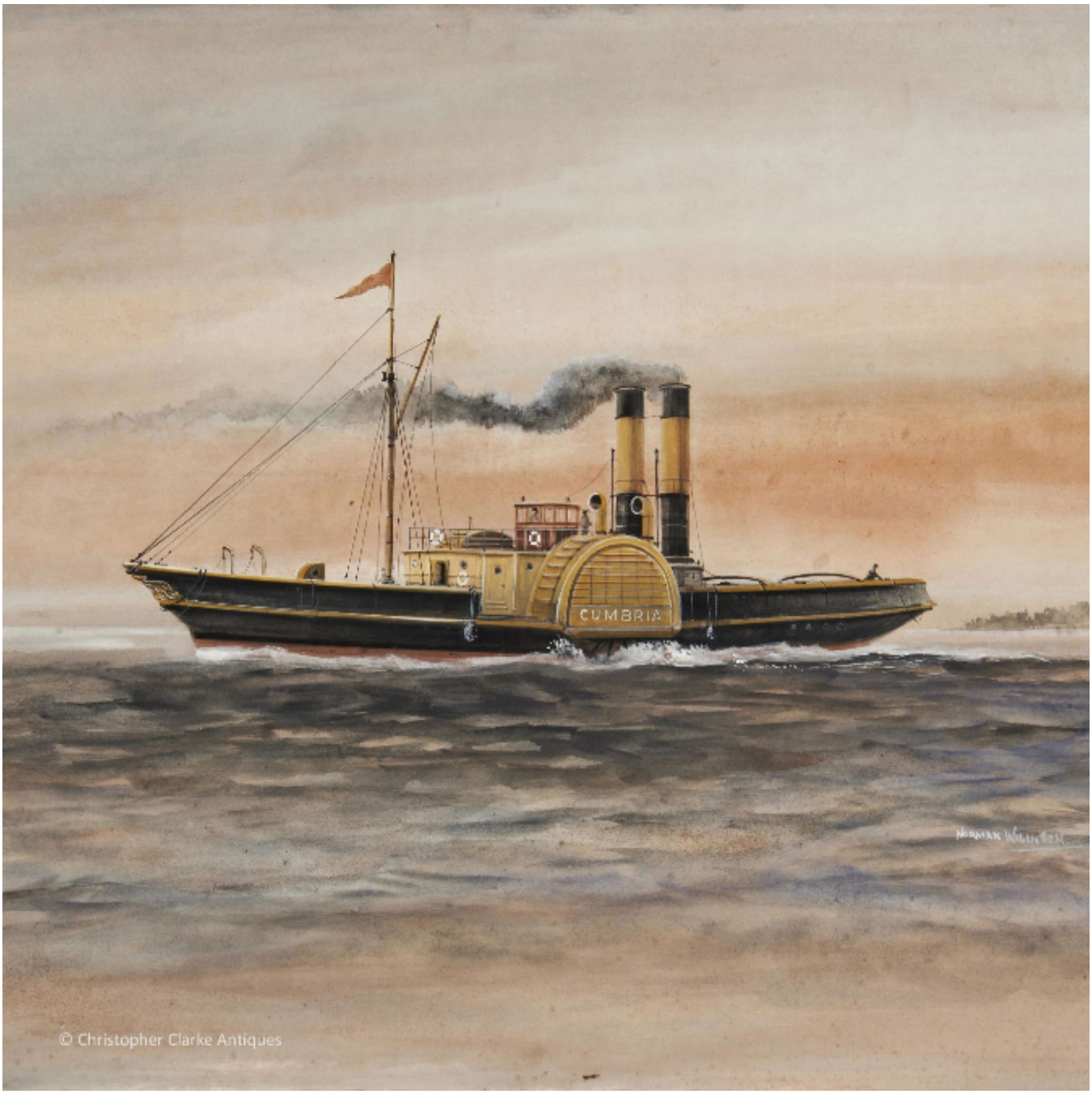

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Height: 35.55 cm (14")

Width: 46.97 cm (18.5")

Description

A watercolour and gouache on board of the Steam Paddle Tug boat, the SS Cumbria by Norman Wilkinson.

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The boat is clearly named in white to its wooden wheel case. The ship was built in 1885 by William Allsup at the Caledonian shipyard, Preston. The Cumbria was used at Preston Docks and on the River Ribble to tow other vessels but was later used for transporting goods. She was eventually sunk in 1927 to help repair a breach to the flood barrier near Freckleton Farm.

Wilkinson annotated the back of the picture with a half hull drawing from above and the ship's name 'S.S. Cumbria Paddle Tug', 'C.C. Office / REF (or BEF), Shipping' and '1886 19.00'. The painting is signed 'Norman Wilkinson' in white to the front, towards the bottom right corner.

The boat's twin funnels are clearly shown with its mast and 3 man crew going about their work as the froth from the paddles kicks up against the yellow and black of the boat. Circa 1910.

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