



Christopher Clarke Antiques

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Elephants At A Watering Hole Watercolour

£410



REF: 82815

Height: 39.35 cm (15.5")

Width: 49.51 cm (19.5")

Depth: 2.54 cm (1")

Description

This watercolour on paper may well have been done at the same time as the two tiger hunt images that are framed together and also shown on this website.

It shows a group of elephants by a watering hole after a tiger hunt. One elephant has the tiger strapped to its back whilst the rest have their riders relaxing. Circa 1880.

Framed size is given.

One of a group of amateur watercolours showing the English in India at Field Sports and on a Line of March. Some of the paintings have been done with a quick hand to capture the moment whilst others are a little more considered. For instance, many of the Europeans are wearing Pith Helmets but they are drawn so quickly that their true shape is not shown. Three small pictures of Pig Sticking, framed together, are dated 1877 and others are dated 1880 and 1881.

They all look to have been framed at a later date, with evidence to the back of one dating the framing to 1923. Before they were framed, it can be seen that most had been folded and some have damage to the paper edges etc. It seems that nearly 50 years after they were painted, the paintings were reconsidered and framed, perhaps by a relative. Watercolour sketches that were done for amusement or as a memory were re-evaluated and seen with a different eye. They are evocative of an age gone by and interesting to us as some show furniture being transported.