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LOT 8 - Frank Wallis Winter Mountain Landscape Oil Painting



Description

Frank Wallis Winter Cabin Alpine Landscape c.1920s

Oil on canvas. This evocative winter landscape depicts a snow-covered alpine scene with cabins nestled among snow-laden evergreen trees, set against dramatic mountain peaks illuminated by sunset light. The work showcases Wallis's skilled use of light and atmospheric effects typical of American Impressionist influence, with particular attention to the pink-orange glow on the mountain peaks contrasting with the cool blues of the snow-covered valleys.

Frank Wallis (1897-1934) was an American artist active during the 1920s-early 1930s, known for his impressionistic landscapes and marine paintings. Wallis achieved recognition during his lifetime, exhibiting at the prestigious Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. in the 1932-33 Thirteenth Exhibition of Contemporary American Oil Paintings and at the New York State Fair in the mid-1930s. His career was unfortunately cut short by his early death in 1934 at the age of 37, which likely limited his later prominence in art history. His work represents the continued American interest in landscape painting during this period, following the tradition of late 19th-century Impressionist influence while depicting quintessentially American scenes.

The painting is housed in an ornate gilt wood frame with decorative carved corners and edges, adding to its period presentation. The frame shows some age-appropriate wear including minor flaking to the gilt finish. The canvas is signed "F. Wallis" in the lower left corner, with "Pennsylvania" and "Genuine" inscriptions visible on the canvas stretcher.

Condition Notes: The painting presents in good overall condition consistent with age. The canvas appears stable with no visible tears or major damage. There is expected age-appropriate surface wear and minor crackling to the paint layer. The gilt frame shows some flaking and wear to the finish, primarily at the edges and corners. Refer to the pictures and in-person inspection for condition.

Approximate Dimensions: 44 × 33 × 5 inches (including frame)

Quantity: 1



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