



HAWTHORNE  
Fine Art

**Wesley Webber (1839-1914)**

*Autumn Stream*

**Oil on concave composition board**

**12 inches diameter**

**Signed lower left**

Wesley Webber was born in Gardiner, Maine and became interested in art at an early age. He began his career as an apprentice to an ornamental sign and carriage painter in Boston before entering a volunteer infantry regiment during the Civil War. He was reportedly the only artist present at the surrender of Lee's forces at Appomattox, and his sketches of the event were later published as lithographs in Harper's Weekly. He continued to paint scenes from the Civil War throughout his career. In addition to his Civil War scenes, he also produced landscapes, seascapes, animal studies and still lifes. Webber exhibited frequently at the Boston Art Club, the National Academy of Design, New York and the Brooklyn Academy.