

A Barn, Tunbridge Wells, Kent

John Middleton

Sold



REF: 1751

Height: 32.7 cm (12.9")

Width: 48.2 cm (19")

Description

John Middleton (1827-1856)
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Signed with initials lower left: Tunbridge Wells/JM 1847
Watercolour over traces of pencil
32.7 by 48.2 cm., 12 3/4 by 19 in.

Provenance:
Private Collection, UK

Middleton's tour of Kent in 1847 produced 'a number of his best free watercolour landscapes' (see Andrew Wilton and Annie Lyles, *The Great Age of British Watercolours 1750-1880*, 1993, p.318). Andrew Moore observed that '1847 proved to be the annus mirabilis of Middleton's life and career' (Andrew Moore, *The Norwich School of Artists*, 1985, p.144).

Middleton almost certainly accompanied his pupil Henry Bright (1810-1873) on a tour of Kent in the summer of 1847. Two Tunbridge Wells views by Bright are in the Castle Museum, Norwich as well as a watercolour by Middleton with the same inscription and date as the present work.