Cwmbach Valley, Wales

Charles Knight



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Charles Knight (1901-1990)
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Signed lower left: CHARLES KNIGHT
Watercolour over pencil on buff paper
34.2 by 49.5 cm., 13 ½ by 19 ½ in.

Knight studied at Brighton School of Art from 1919 to 1923 before winning a scholarship to the Royal Academy Schools. There he discovered the work of John Sell Cotman (1782-1842) which was a lifelong influence and led him to concentrate on working in watercolour. He exhibited widely and taught on and off at the Brighton School of Art for many years becoming, in 1959, the Vice-Principal and Head of the Drawing and Painting Department. In 1944 he was asked by the Queen Mother to give lessons in watercolour painting to Princess Margaret which he did for three years. He is probably best known for the forty drawings of Sussex which he produced for the Recording Britain project in the late 1930s.

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