High Ash at Didlington Hall, Norfolk

William Callow

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Description

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William Callow, R.W.S. (1812-1908)
High Ash at Didlington Hall, Norfolk

Inscribed upper right: Didlington High Ash 1882/Aug 16
Watercolour over pencil
25.4 by 17.8 cm., 10 by 7 in.

Provenance:
With Thos. Agnew & Sons, London, circa 1940s - no. 14725

Didlington Hall was in the possession of the Wilson family until 1846. Charles Loftus in his memoirs `My Life from 1815-1849' records visiting Colonel Wilson at Didlington Hall where there was a heronry in the `high oaks at the back of the Hall' (op. cit., p.140). By the time of Callow's visit in 1882, the house was in the possession of William Amherst Tyssen-Amherst (1835-1909), the well known collector and bibliophile. He was created Baron Amherst in 1892 and is best known for his Egyptian collections and patronage of a young Howard Carter. Didlington Hall was requisitioned for the use of the Army during World War II which left it beyond repair and it was pulled down in the early 1950s.

An undated view of `Didlington Castle' by Callow was exhibited at the Walker Galleries, London in April 1927

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