

Torre Abbey, Devonshire, the Seat of G. Cary Esq.

John Varley

Sold



Description

John Varley (1778-1842)

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Signed lower left: J. Varley 1810 and again verso: Tor Abbey Devonshire the Seat of G Carey Esqr/J Varley 1810

Watercolour over pencil heightened with touches of bodycolour and stopping out

37.5 by 69.3 cm., 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 27 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

Provenance:

By descent in the Cary Family at Torre Abbey, until 1930

Exhibited:

London, Society of Painters in Water-colours, 1810, no. 23

Torre Abbey was dissolved in 1536 and converted into a house by Thomas Ridgeway in 1598. It was bought by the Cary family in 1662 and was sold to Torquay Council by Commander Henry Cary in 1930. It is now an art gallery in central Torquay and is known for its formal gardens.