

Portrait of the artist Miles Edmund Cotman

Joseph Geldart



Description

Joseph Geldart (1808-1882)
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Inscribed by a later hand verso: Miles Edmund Cotman/by Geldart
Black and white chalk on brown paper
32.3 by 23.5 cm., 12 3/4 by 9 1/4 in.

Provenance:
By descent in the Cotman family until 2023

Literature:
Illustrated London News, 1st August 1942, p.136

Geldart was a close friend and sketching companion of Miles' brother John Joseph Cotman. He abandoned a career in the law in favour of being an artist and became a pupil of John Sell Cotman. Geldart also sketched his friend John Joseph, also a chalk drawing which was later engraved.