Portrait of a son of the Artist

Francis Danby

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Description

Francis Danby, A.R.A. (1793-1861)
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Indistinctly inscribed lower right
Black chalk and stump
21.2 by 17.8 cm., 8 ¼ by 7 in.

Provenance:
Barbara and Ernest Kafka, their sale, Sotheby's 6th July 2022, lot 216;
Russell Worby (1954-2025)

Literature:
Francis Greenacre, Francis Danby 1793-1861, 1988, p.144, no.104, ill.

Exhibited:
Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery, Francis Danby 1793-1861, 5th November 1988 to 22nd January 1988, no.104;
London, Tate Gallery, Francis Danby 1793-1861, 15th February to 9th April 1989, no.104

This is one of two drawings that Danby made of his sons in around 1828. He had at least ten children, seven by his wife and three by Ellen Evans, of which eight were boys. The second is recorded in the collection of Robert Flynn Johnson (see Hazlitt, Independent Eye - Drawings from the Collection of Robert Flynn Johnson, 2026, p.76-77, no.30, ill.).

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