A Pond at Polesden Lacey, Surrey

John Varley

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Description

John Varley (1778-1842)
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Watercolour over pencil
25.7 by 35.9 cm., 10 by 14 in.

Polesden Lacey is located on the North Downs near Dorking and is now a National Trust property. John Varley first visited Polesden Lacey with Dr Monro, who lived in nearby Fetcham in 1800 when the house belonged to Richard Sheridan. Dr Thomas Monro (1759-1833) was an early supporter and patron of Turner and Girtin whose works Varley would have seen in his collection. He was the physician at Bethlem Hospital and his London house on Adelphi Terrace off The Strand became a magnet for young artists.

This watercolour belongs to a group of views taken at Polesden Lacey in the late 1820s.

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