Farley Mount, Hampshire

George Frederick Prosser

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George Frederick Prosser (1805-1882)
Farley Mount, Hampshire

Signed lower left: G.F. Prosser/Farley Mount and inscribed verso: No 12/Horse Monument Farley Mount
Watercolour over pencil heightened with scratching out
16.5 by 25.1 cm., 6 1/2 by 9 3/4 in.

This monument, on a Bronze Age mound, marks the resting place of a horse named 'Beware Chalk Pit', which belonged to Paulet St John (1704-1780). In September 1733, it survived leaping into a twenty-five foot deep chalk pit whist out hunting and the following year, carried its owner to racing victory, winning the Hunter's Plate at Worthy Down, Winchester. Exactly when the horse died, or when the monument was erected is uncertain, although the monument was almost certainly built before 1772, as its inscription does not mention St John's baronetcy.

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