

Primrose Hill, London

Thomas Girtin

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Description

Thomas Girtin (1775-1802) Primrose Hill, London

Inscribed verso: Primrose Hill coloured on the spot by/Girtin watercolour over pencil on oatmeal paper 19.7 by 48.7 cm., 7 ³/₄ by 19 in.

Provenance: With Colnaghi, London, 1947; Ray Livingston Murphy, New York, by 1950, his sale, Christie's, 19th November 1985, lot 35; Private Collection, London, until 2014

Literature: T. Girtin and D. Loshak, The Art of Thomas Girtin, 1954, no. 416, p. 191

Exhibited: New Haven, Yale University Art Gallery, Prospects, 1950, no. 18, pl. 9b

This is dateable to circa 1800, the year in which Girtin married Mary Ann Borrett and was living in his fatherin-law's house at 11 Scott's Place, Islington. Primrose Hill was a rather neglected, undeveloped area owned by Eton College until it became Crown Property in 1842 and became an area for leisure and recreation.