The Gateway to a Farm

Anthony Devis



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Description

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Anthony Devis (1729-1816)
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Pen and ink and black chalk and stump on laid paper watermarked GR fleur de lys in a cartouche
18 by 27.2 cm., 7 by 10 ¾ in.

Provenance:
Iolo Aneurin Williams (1890-1962)

Anthony Devis was the younger half-brother of the portrait painter Arthur Devis (1712-1787). Born in Preston, he was working in London by the 1740s and exhibited at the Royal Academy and elsewhere from 1761 to 1781. In 1780 he retired as a professional artist and lived at Albury House near Guildford. His drawings are characterised by his `loopy' depiction of leaves. This drawing and no.8b come from the collection of Iolo Williams, the author of Early English Watercolours, 1970.

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