The Lake at Stackpole Court, Pembrokeshire

Henry Bright

Sold



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Height: 26.5 cm (10.4")

Width: 43.5 cm (17.1")

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Description

Henry Bright (1810-1873)
The Lake at Stackpole Court, Pembrokeshire

Signed with initials, dated and inscribed lower left: From a sketch by the Honb Mrs Ca....ll/HB 1832
Coloured chalks on buff paper 26.5 by 43.5 cm., 10 ½ by 17 ¼ in.

This appears to be a sketch of the lake at Stackpole Court in South Pembrokeshire. The inscription suggests that it is based on a sketch by one of the Campbell family of Cawdor who owned Stackpole Court from 1689. In 1832, the date of the present drawing, the house was owned by John Frederick Campbell, 1st Earl Cawdor (1790- 1860). He married Lady Elizabeth Thynne, daughter of the 2nd Marquess of Bath, in 1816 and they had 11 children. Stackpole Court was requisitioned during the Second World War and fell into disrepair before being demolished in 1963. Bright was born in Saxmundham, Suffolk, the son of a clockmaker and was apprenticed to a chemist in Norwich before turning to drawing. He learnt under Alfred Stannard and took lessons from John Sell Cotman. In 1836 he moved to Paddington and built up a successful drawing practice in London until 1858 when he returned to Saxmundham. He lived the last years of his life in Ipswich. He specialised in chalk drawings often on coloured paper.

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