

Anthony Devis



Furness Fells, South Lakeland

Reference: 10999

Dimensions:

Height: 38 cm / 15 in

Width: 54 cm / 21¼ in

Inscribed above: Furness Fells with a fall that runs into Coniston Water and Blawith Bridge, pen and grey ink and watercolour over pencil, with a grey line border, on laid paper watermarked JWHATMAN

38 x 54 cm; 15 x 21 1/4 inches

Provenance: Sotheby's 15 July 1976, lot 151;

Where bought by the previous owner, the Pemberton collection until 2019

The younger brother of Arthur Devis the portrait painter, Anthony Devis exhibited at the Royal Academy from 1761-1781. He travelled extensively in the British Isles and made several trips to the Lakes. By the end of the 1750s he

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had begun producing Lake District views, including the large oil painting now in Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kendal, a 'View of Derwentwater and Skiddaw from Lord's Island'. Nothing is known of his visits to the Lake District but he produced a number of drawings in his characteristic style. The Wordsworth Trust own a drawing of Furness Abbey by Devis amongst a group of several others.