

SA695029

William SPEECHLY
 (c.1740-1780)
ARCHITECTURAL
WATERCOLOUR, OSTERLEY
PARK

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA695029****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 43 cm (16.9")

Width = 61 cm (24.0")

Description

An original pen, ink, watercolour painting signed Speechley and dated 1756. This is a period view of Osterley Park. In 1939 George Child Villiers, 9th Earl of Jersey, opened Osterley Park House to the public and ten years later he gave it to the National Trust. Today the house is presented as it would have looked in the 1780s and is open to the public. Condition is very good no faults. Osterley's existence was first noted in 1274 and the name derives from Old English words meaning 'sheepfold clearing'. Sir Thomas Gresham, commercial agent and financial adviser to Elizabeth I, bought the manor of Osterley in 1562 and replaced the existing farmhouse with "a faire and stateley brick house." The banker Sir Francis Child acquired the house in 1713 and around 1760 his grandson commissioned Robert Adam (and probably others) to remodel the exterior and create lavishly furnished and decorated new rooms inside, while the grounds were landscaped and endowed with a chain of lakes. By the beginning of the 19th century Osterley Park House had ceased to be the Child family's main place of residence.

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