

SA962970

Paul Sandby Munn RWS,
Mallevy, Merioneth, North
Wales - Antique Watercolour

Price

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Item Reference: SA962970

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 31 cm (12.2")

Width = 39 cm (15.4")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

This early 19th-century watercolour by British artist Paul Sandby Munn RWS (1773-1845) depicts a riverside view at Mallevy in North Wales. Amid a hasty world where technology consumes our waking hours, few of us find the time to consider the subtle beauties of quiet watercolours. Yet, during the late 18th century, when Munn began producing his skillfully-rendered views, this style of drawing was considered an act of rebellion. Indeed, to such an extent that, together with several associates, Munn contributed to one of the most vital artistic circles in British history - the "Brothers" sketching club. Held every Saturday, the sketching club sought to raise the status of landscape watercolours from their lowly position as mere copies of nature. Fellow artists such as John Varley, Thomas Girtin and John Sell Cotman, would each take turns as hosts - selecting various prose as inspiration. The hosts would, in turn, retain all of the work produced. Sketching late into the night, it's plausible that a few drinks were also shared between friends. Several years later, the club evolved into the 'The Society of Painters in Watercolour'. The close bond between these early British ...

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