

A Cottage at East Marden, West Sussex

Edward Lear

Sold



Description

Edward Lear (1812-1888)
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Inscribed lower right: East Marden/Oct 28. 1834
Pencil and stump heightened with bodycolour on grey paper
17.5 by 26.3 cm., 6 ³/₄ by 10 ¹/₄ in.

This is a rare early English landscape view by Lear dating from his stay at Peppering House near Arundel, the home of the Drewitt family, in September and October 1834. Lear's second eldest sister Sarah married Charles Street, a banker in Arundel, in 1822 and Lear was a frequent visitor to the house in his childhood. East Marden is a small village in the South Downs, eight miles north-west of Chichester.

Two drawings in the park at nearby Parham, at the time the property of the Zouche family, dated 30 September and 13 October 1834, are in the Yale Center for British Art. For another drawing of Parham House, see Charles Nugent, Edward Lear - the Landscape Artist, 2009, no.11, p.44, ill. p.45.