An Old Cottage by a Pond

John Sell Cotman

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Description

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John Sell Cotman (1782-1842)
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Signed lower right: J.S. Cotman and numbered 655 lower left
Grey washes over pencil
19.6 by 26.2 cm., 7 3/4 by 10 1/4 in.

Provenance:
Alec Cotman (b.1907);
By descent until 2023

The numbering on this work indicates that it was part of Cotman's Circulating Library of drawings which he would hire out to amateur artists and pupils to copy. `The Circulating Portfolio' was launched in July 1809 with 600 items so the number 655 on this drawing suggests it dates from 1809-10. He used the numbering system while in Norwich and again when he became Professor Drawing at King's College, London from 1833. We are grateful to Tim Wilcox for his comments on this drawing.

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