

Houses on the River Thames

Samuel Scott



Description

Samuel Scott (1701/2-1772)
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Grey washes over pencil on laid paper
15.1 by 28.6 cm., 6 by 11 ¼ in.

The neat lines of watercolour on the roofs and fences are typical of Scott's on-the-spot drawings as is the use of washes to depict light and shades. There are a number of similar sketches in the Yale Center for British Art.

Scott was an oil painter specialising in views on the Thames but also produced topographical watercolours of the river often in grey and blue washes. He lived in Twickenham from 1749 to 1765 and this is likely to be a Thames view of that area. He was a close friend of William Hogarth and accompanied him on his famous river party to Gravesend in 1732.