near pont neath

George Arthur Fripp



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George Arthur Fripp, R.W.S. (1813-1896)
Near Pont Neath, Vale of Neath

Signed lower centre: G.A. Fripp and inscribed lower right: Near. Pont. Nea.th/Verhan./Vale of Neath. 1837
Watercolour heightened with bodycolour and stopping out on grey paper
49 by 37.4 cm., 19 1/4 by 14 3/4 in.

Pontneddfechan (or Pontneathvaughan) ius the southernmost village in Breconshire, within the Vale of Neath. It stands at the confluence of the rivers Mellte and Need Fechen and leads up to a series of waterfalls, some gentle cascades, others more majestic and dramatic, that populate the upper Neath valley.

Bristol born Fripp travelled extensively throughout Britain, including this trip to South Wales in 1837, as well as spending 7 months with Müller in Europe. He exhibited intermittently at the Royal Academy between 1838 and 1854 and regularly at the Old Watercolour Society from 1841. He became a member of the Society in 1845 and served as Secretary between 1848 and 1854, only resigning because of the demands of his large family.

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