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Description

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Signed lower left: J. Hayllar

Extensively inscribed verso: On the Wye in Mid Wales. Near Rhayader/ showing the residence of HWB Davis Esq RA./ a great salmon fisherman as well as a great painter.

Oil on artist's board

22 by 30.1 cm., 8 ½ by 11 ¾ in.

James Hayllar was best known as an architectural and genre painter, who was based in Surrey and then Bournemouth from about 1898. The present watercolour with its careful depiction of the crossing over the River Wye and Glaslyn, the home of Henry William Banks Davis R.A. (1833-1914) appears from the spontaneity of handling to have been executed en plein air.

Davis was a highly successful landscape and animal painter who exhibited more than 100 paintings at the Royal Academy, where he was elected R.A. in 1877. He moved to the small fishing estate of Glaslyn near Rhayader, Mid Wales in about 1890.