A Thorn tree, Ireland

Cornelius Varley

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Description

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Cornelius Varley (1781-1873)
A Thorn Tree, Ireland

Signed, dated and inscribed lower centre: Thorn tree Ireland C Varley 1808
Pencil
23.2 by 31.6 cm., 9 ¼ by 12 ½ in.

The artist undertook a sketching tour to Ireland in 1808 and there are several drawings and watercolours from this trip, including in the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, the Metropolitan Museum, New York and the Yale Center for British Art, New Haven.

The present drawing illustrates Varley's ability to look at a subject both with a scientific eye, recording the characteristics of the different trees in great detail, as well as with an artist's eye for the forms and composition inherent in the subject.

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