Kirkstall Abbey from across the river Aire, Yorkshire

Francis Nicholson

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Description

Francis Nicholson (1753-1844)
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Watercolour over pencil
30.0 by 42.0 cm., 11 ¾ by 16 ½ in.

Nicholson was born in Pickering, Yorkshire and lived in various Yorkshire towns before moving to London in 1803. He painted mainly views of Yorkshire and Scotland and, later in life, London. He built up such a successful career as a drawing master in London that he stopped exhibiting from 1833. Nicholson was one of the founding members of the Old Watercolour Society and this may be the view of Kirkstall Abbey he exhibited there in 1805, no.108

Kirkstall Abbey stands on the river Aire about three miles north-west of the centre of Leeds. Another view of Kirkstall Abbey by Nicholson was engraved by J. Walker and published in 1799.

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