

Oberwesel

David Roberts R.A.

Sold



Description

David Roberts, R.A. (1796-1864)
Oberwesel on the Rhine, Germany

Signed lower right: D. Roberts/1831
Watercolour heightened with bodycolour, scratching out and gum arabic
21.2 by 31.1 cm., 8 ½ by 12 ¼ in.

Provenance:
With Thos. Agnew & Sons, London (no.2380);
With Walker's Galleries, London

Engraved:
By E. Goodall as a steel engraving, 1831

Roberts visited Oberwesel on his trip down the Rhine in the summer of 1830 (see note to no.28). Oberwesel is a town on the Middle Rhine about 25 miles south of Koblenz. The tower in the foreground, the Ochsenturm or 'Ox's Tower' has an octagonal top tower and is part of the town walls originally built in the early thirteenth century with sixteen defensive towers. On the hill beyond is the Schönbürg, a castle originally built in the twelfth century.