



Etching with aquatint.

THE VIEW FROM CANONBURY TOWER

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Physical description

Etching with aquatint.

Dimensions

Image: 430 by 700mm (17 by 27.5 inches). Sheet: 500 by 745mm. (19.75 by 29.25 inches).

Notes

A view taken from Canonbury Tower looking south-south-west. In the foreground on the left is to be seen part of Canonbury Place with gardens and summerhouse. In the foreground and mid-distance on the right is a haymaking scene. The New River meanders across the fields towards the built-up district of Islington parish where may be identified Astey's Row and the back of buildings in Lower Street (now Essex Street). Ahead is St Mary Islington, and on the right is Upper Street. The

foreground is covered by a heavy shadow. There is no key but the key-block accompanying Swertner's earlier panorama may be used to identify many of the distant buildings.

Guildhall Library has an outline etching for this engraving; a copy with sky and distant townscape printed blue; and a copy with some hand colouring.

Bibliography

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Provenance

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