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Il Vesuvio

Edward William Cooke

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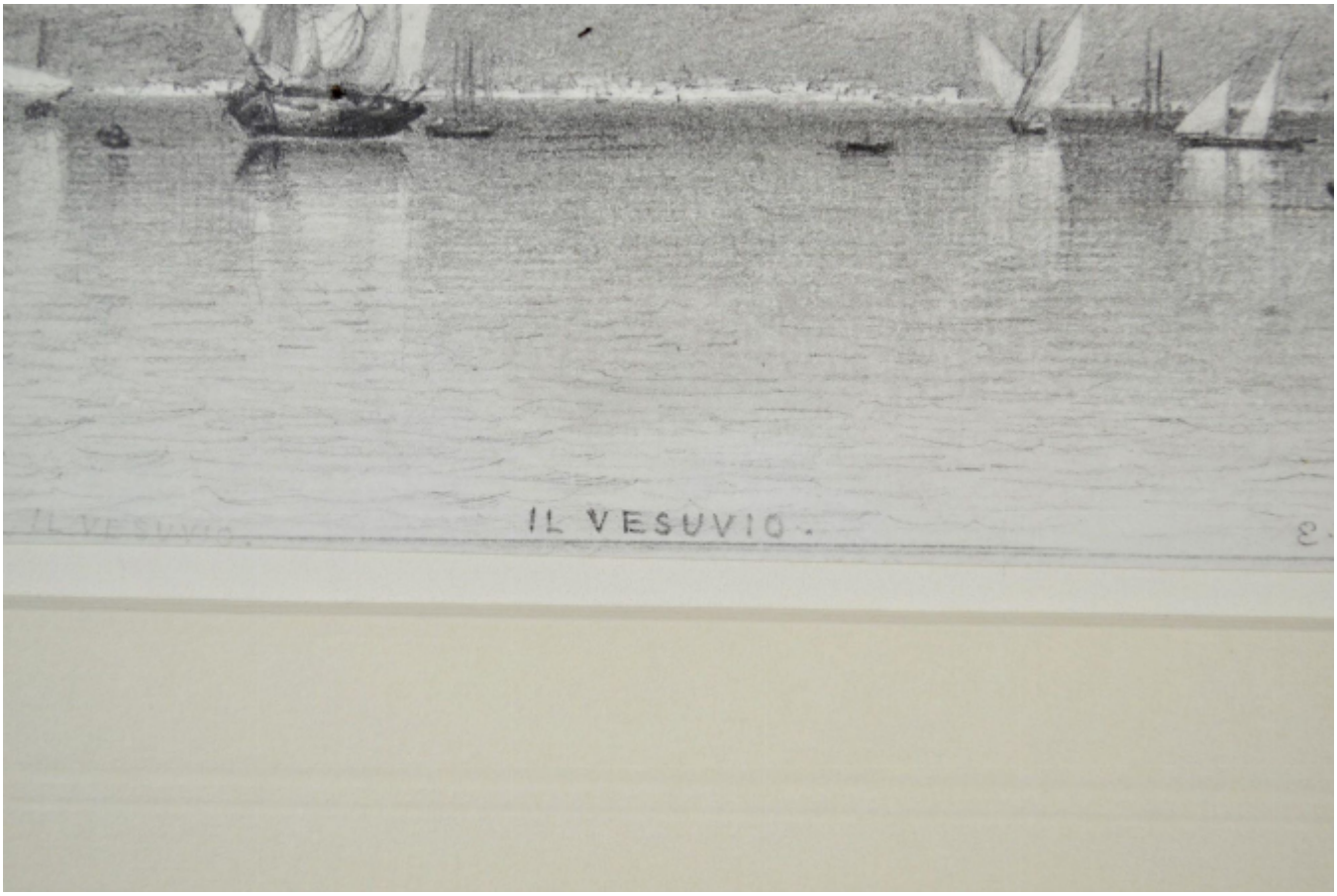

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Height: 9.5 cm (3.7")

Width: 16.5 cm (6.5")

Description

EDWARD WILLIAM COOKE, RA (1811-1880)

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Signed, inscribed with title and dated 26th Sept 1859

Pencil

9.5 by 16.5 cm., 3 by 6 in. (mount 25.5 by 32 size cm., 10 by 12 in.)

Edward William Cooke was born in Pentonville, London, the son of the engraver George Cooke and nephew of the engraver, William Cook. A precocious draughtsman he became an accomplished engraver at an early age, showing a great fondness for marine subjects. On the encouragement of Clarkson Stanfield and David Roberts he began to paint in oils from the early 1830s, taking formal lessons from James Stark and first exhibiting at the Royal Academy and Royal Institution in 1835. He travelled widely on the Continent, most notably to the Netherlands and Italy. He also had a serious interest in natural history and geology, being a Fellow of the Linnean Society, Fellow of the Geological Society and Fellow of the Zoological Society and of the Society of Antiquaries. In 1863 he became a Fellow of the Royal Society and a Royal Academician in the following year.

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