

Joseph Arthur Powell - Shipley Windmill

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Description

JOSEPH ARTHUR POWELL(1876-1961) King's Mill, Shipley, Sussex WatercolourUnframed 36.5 by 53.5 cm., 14 ¼ by 21 in.(mount size 54 by 70 cm., 21 ¼ by 27 ½ in.)

Born in London he was the son of the successful landscape painter Alfred Powell. In 1919 Joseph Arthur married and moved to live at Todhurst, Plaistow near Billingshurst. Having studied under his father he too became a successful landscape watercolourist and is best known for his delightful studies of Surrey and Sussex, in particular he worked near his home at Plaistow, on the Sussex Downs and the area around Rye where his parents had retired in later life. Shipley smock mill was built in 1879 by Grist and Steele, millwrights of Horsham. The writer Hilaire Belloc bought the mill and the surrounding land in 1906 and continued to run it commercially until 1926. After Belloc's death in 1953 the mill was restored as a memorial to the writer. It was opened to visitors in 1986 and is run and managed by a charitable trust.