

PAPER TIGER | RICHARD SHIPP

Paper manufacturer, W.S. Hodgkinson and Co., Ltd, were based at the paper mill at Wookey Hole in Somerset from 1860 until 1950. Paper production finally ceased at the mill in 1972.

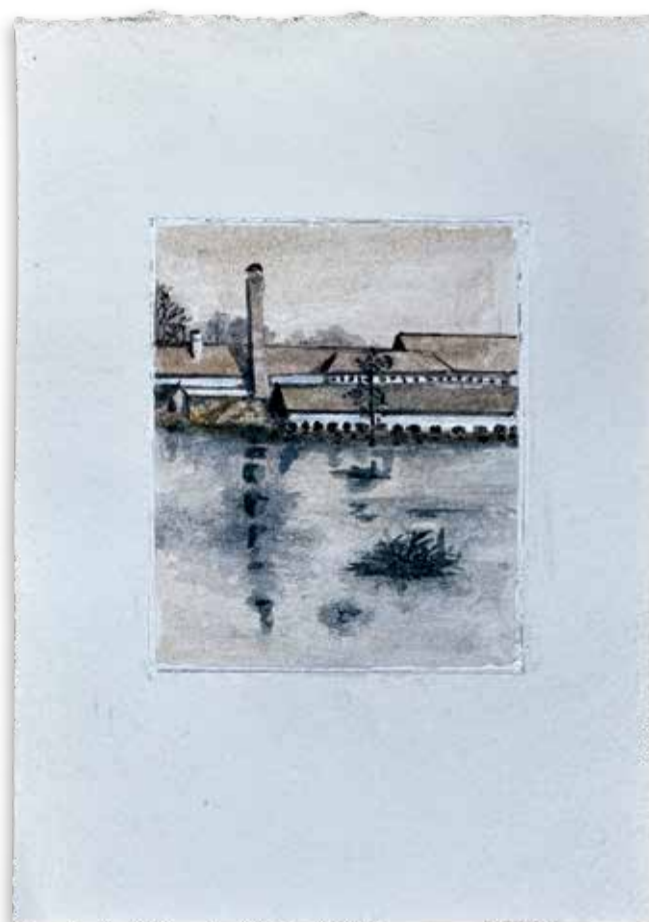
During the 1970s, Gerry Cottle's famous touring circus featured wild animal acts including tigers.

In 2004, Cottle sold all his circus interests, bought the Wookey Hole Caves and the mill and set up a circus school. By then the tigers were a distant memory.

Tiger: 300gsm WSH mould made, cotton rag, gelatine sized paper

Background: 250gm Fabriano UNICA printmaking paper

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HAYLE MILL, MAIDSTONE | FRANNY SWANN

This small watercolour is a tiny memorial to Hayle Mill in Maidstone – the water powered paper mill on whose vintage paper it is painted.

Maidstone had so many mills it was known as the Paper City of the County; its river system and very hard water being conducive to the industry.

During its 130 year productive lifetime time [1857–1987] Hayle Mill remained in the possession of the Green family. In 2010 it was turned into apartments.

I chose this format as Hayle Mill always retained its reputation for high quality paper and was the official paper of the Watercolour Society. Its highest accolade being that Turner chose to use Hale Mill paper as one of his watercolour papers.

Some Hayle Mill papers are still available today, much sought after by artists and restorers.

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