

# Basic Detail Report



'STUBBS in the 1760's'  
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#### MARES AND FOALS IN A WOODED LANDSCAPE

*Oil on canvas, 39 7/8 inches*

Collection: By descent in the Grosvenor family.

Exhibited: British Institution, *Old Masters*, 1817, (65), (either this picture or No. 8);  
British Institution, *Old Masters*, 1843, (128), (either this picture or No. 8);  
Wrexham, 1876, (252);  
Whitechapel Art Gallery, *George Stubbs*, 1957, (31).

Literature: J. Young, *A Catalogue of the Pictures at Grosvenor House*, 1821, No. 9;  
Sir Walter Gilbey, *Life of George Stubbs, R.A.* [ed.], 1898, p. 130.

Painted for Richard, First Earl Grosvenor, probably between 1760 and 1762. If this dating is correct it is the earliest in this series of compositions. The landscape may represent a part of the Eaton Hall estate.

The present structure bears the following typed label: Robert 2nd Earl Grosvenor left the following memorandum in 1806:

English Grey, Arabian and Barb. The Barb was given to Lord Grosvenor by the late Earl of Chatham and had no produce. The Arabian was a gift from Lord Pigot [sic] to Lord Grosvenor and had no produce. The English mare was Elona with bay Malton at near foot.

If the record is accurate the Pigot referred to may have been Robert Pigot, created Lord Pigot of Parham in 1760; twice Governor of Madras. There may, however, be a confusion in the report and the individual may have been a Mr. Charles Pigot, a well-known racing enthusiast and breeder of the time, whose most famous horse was Shark. Young describes the horses as 'Progeny from Lord Care and others...'

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File: Tak, George Stubbs, 1984 (90)

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### Dimensions

39 x 74 inches

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