



N.C. Wyeth

Title

Untitled (view of Eight Bells)

Medium

Oil on canvas

Date

ca. 1932

Dimensions

42 1/2 × 46 3/4 in. (108 × 118.7 cm)

Accession number

91.18.1

Credit Line

Gift of Mrs. Eugene Ormandy, 1991

Web Description

This painting of the Wyeth family's home in Port Clyde, Maine, offers a view into the other world of the Wyeths: the fishing communities of Mid-Coast Maine. Some of N. C. Wyeth's most experimental work came from summers spent along the shore here. The house itself is notably named "Eight Bells" after one of the best-known paintings by another Mainer and an artist much admired by Wyeth, Winslow Homer. The phrase "eight bells" refers to a ship's watch-keeping system, in which a bell is rung every half hour to track time at sea.