



N.C. Wyeth

Title

Captain Brown, Port Clyde, Maine

Medium

Oil on canvas

Date

ca. 1934

Dimensions

42 3/16 × 48 in. (107.2 × 121.9 cm)

Accession number

96.1.44

Credit Line

Bequest of Carolyn Wyeth, 1996

Web Description

A note in N. C. Wyeth's hand identifies the subject of this painting as Captain Brown, but the figure appears to be more of an archetype of a salty New England fisherman. Scalloped wave forms, both near and far, transform the watery surroundings into sharp, sculpted surfaces. There is no attempt to disguise the brushwork of the foreground, which is left unblended and loose. Dark clouds build on each side of the solitary fisherman, creeping across the sky in an ominous and fantastic manner.