



Jamie Wyeth

Title

January Thaw

Medium

Watercolor on paper

Date

1965

Dimensions

19 x 28 in. (48.3 x 71.1 cm)

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Web Description

From a young age, as demonstrated in this work, Jamie Wyeth was equally proficient in both watercolor and oil painting. In January Thaw, the unpainted paper stands in for the snow-covered hill. The composition largely consists of shades of off-white and gray. Wyeth captures the low raking light that highlights the tire treads and casts a long shadow on the snow. The pile of tractor tires revealed by the thaw are a surprising, though certainly realistic, element in an agricultural landscape such as those found around Chadds Ford.