



Howard Pyle

Title

Arnold Tells His Wife of the Discovery of His Treason

Medium

Oil on canvas

Date

1898

Dimensions

36 × 23 3/4 in. (91.4 × 60.3 cm)

Catalogue Number

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Credit Line

Gift of Julia Bissell Leisenring, 2005

Web Description

The wealth of publications about the American Revolution in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries

increased demand for related illustrations. Teaching his classes in the city of Philadelphia and on the grounds of the Battle of Brandywine, Howard Pyle was very well positioned to take up this topic. He and his students examined the period from all angles, with a wealth of resources on hand. This painting illustrated Henry Cabot Lodge's *The Story of the Revolution*, a historical account of the war, which highlighted the transformation of Benedict Arnold from heroic Major General of the Continental Army to the most famous traitor of the Revolution.