



G. T. Wright

Title

A Distant View of the Residence of Samuel Spotts, Spring Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania

Medium

Watercolor and ink on paper

Date

May 31, 1868

Dimensions

23 3/4 × 33 in. (60.3 × 83.8 cm)

Catalogue Number

75.4

Credit Line

Gift of Clement R. Hoopes, 1975

Web Description

Itinerant artists and draftsmen, like George Taylor Wright, traveled the country in the eighteenth and nineteenth century offering their artistic services to citizens. Often self-taught, they took commissions for family portraits or paintings of homesteads wherever they traveled. Wright documented his work with the location and the exact date on which the drawing was made. He also took pains to render artistic details including individual bricks and the placement and number of doors and windows. The information given is so accurate and specific that we are able to locate this house today on Waggoner's Gap Road in Alinda, Pennsylvania.