



Charles Ephraim Burchfield

Title

Old Farmhouse

Medium

Watercolor and charcoal on paper

Date

1931

Dimensions

14 3/4 × 21 in. (37.5 × 53.3 cm)

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Web Description

Born in Ohio but spending most of his career in Buffalo, New York, Charles Burchfield is recognized as one of the leading American artists of the 20th century. He is known as much for his ecstatic, visionary landscapes as he is for his quiet scenes of small-town life. He once characterized his latter pursuits, which *Old Farmhouse* embodies, as expressing the “great epic poetry of American life.” In this watercolor the artist combines close observation with a modernist approach, capturing the lines and varying tones of the farmhouse, while using abbreviated, vivid brush strokes to articulate the trees and bushes surrounding the home.