Basic Detail Report



Shaker Buildings

Date

1934

Primary Maker

Charles Sheeler

Medium

Tempera and graphite on gesso panel

Description

This tempera and graphite painting on gesso panel depicts the spare design of a Shaker building in Hancock, Massachusetts. The simple white clapboard structure serves as the wash house for the Shakers. There is nothing in the foreground. Moving into the background, the subject--the uniformly painted white buildings--creates a primarily white canvas. The exception to the white is the green grass, pale blue sky, and small brown building.

Dimensions

9 7/8 x 13 7/8 in. (25.1 x 35.2 cm) Overall, Frame: 14 x 18 x 2 in. (35.6 x 45.7 x 5.1 cm)