

Basic Detail Report

Title Awful Conflagration of the Steam Boat Lexington

Date 1840

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Lithography; printer's ink on wove paper

Description A steamboat is shown heading towards the left, with smoke issuing from its smokestack and flames and smoke issuing from its superstructure. The name "LEXINGTON" appears above the paddlewheel. Passengers are on the deck and in the water. Some men and women are in the water holding onto planks or cotton bales. A lifeboat being lowered near the stern is upended in the water. A second lifeboat at left appears to be sinking.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 6 7/8 x 11 9/16in. (17.5 x 29.4cm) Sheet (height x width): 10 7/16 x 13 1/8in. (26.5 x 33.3cm)