

Basic Detail Report

Title Advance of the Enemy

Date 1885

Primary Maker Alfred Wordsworth Thompson

Medium Oil on canvas

Description [View of the sacking of a New England home, said to have been between Norwich and New London, by the British troops during the Revolutionary War. The house at the left has three dormer windows and two chimneys. A small stone house in the fore-ground has two windows and a chimney. A covered porch is part of the lean-to of the house. From this porch are emerging the red coats and head of the house. At left foreground one of the continentals with a bandage around his head lies wounded. Near him stand two people, one woman weeping on the other's shoulder. One holds a child by the hand. Furnishings and books and a small trunk lie scattered and broken in the foreground. A number of soldiers have apparently emerged from the house. Two men have ridden up on horseback, one, apparently an officer, has arm extended giving directions to the commanding foot soldier. In rear at right of house something is burning, from which a cloud of smoke extends to right. At extreme right a red coat soldier lies on the ground and beyond him is seen a house burning and number of soldiers on horseback.]

Dimensions Stretcher (height x width): 25 1/4 x 45 1/4in. (64.1 x 114.9cm)