

Basic Detail Report

Title The Terrible Disaster at Danbury, Conn

Date 1869

Primary Maker Joseph Becker

Medium Wood engraving; printer's ink on wove paper

Description Rushing water bearing huge blocks of ice fills the center of the composition. Buildings at the left and right are largely submerged and other buildings and debris are carried along by the torrent. Flood victims, including at least two women, struggle in the water and cling to debris. A building at the right is exploding under the impact of the ice and water. A large leafless tree is at the left; additional trees are in the background. The disk of the sun or moon is just visible above the horizon.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 8 3/16 x 9 3/16in. (20.8 x 23.3cm) Sheet (height x width): 8 1/4 x 9 3/8in. (21 x 23.8cm)