

Basic Detail Report

Title Jesse Root

Date 1788-1822

Primary Maker Joseph Steward

Medium Painting; oil on canvas in frame

Description Painting of Jesse Root attributed to Joseph Steward. Root is painted knee-length. He is sitting in a Hepplewhite shield-back arm chair, with an upholstered seat of red with brass studs. He is wearing a black coat with large buttons, a black vest, black knee britches, white stockings, and a white stock with fringe. In his right hand he holds a piece of folded paper. His other hand is free, the arm resting on the arm of the chair. Root's hair has receded back to the top of his head. The sides are worn long. He has thick, dark eyebrows and large brown eyes. In the background, there is a table with two books on it. On the left there is a window, through which a landscape is visible. Emerging from the center of the clouds is the figure of a young child, visible from just above the waist, holding in balance the scales of justice.

Dimensions Stretcher (height x width): 48 × 41 1/8in. (121.9 × 104.5cm) Frame (height x width): 54 × 46 3/4in. (137.2 × 118.7cm)