



The County of Edinburgh on the Beach

Primary Maker

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Medium

Oil on canvas

Description

This painting depicts the grounding of the "County of Edinburgh" at Point Pleasant Beach, NJ, which occurred on 12 February 1900. The four-masted, steel-hulled sailing vessel is shown in a three-quarter view from the stern at low tide, in heavy but clear weather. Two Sea Bright skiffs from the U. S. Lifesaving Service are drawn up on the beach, and many sightseers have come for a closer look at the ship. The breeches buoy line is shown as still running out, but a ladder placed against the side of the vessel provided easier access. Even three carriages have been brought out on the sand, drawn by horses in bright plaid blankets. Several members of the crew are shown in the rigging, which has been delineated with unusual attention to detail and accuracy.

Dimensions

18 × 30 in. (45.7 × 76.2 cm)