



Molly Pitcher Being Presented to George Washington

Primary Maker

Unknown Artist

Medium

Oil on canvas

Description

A fictional historical painting of Molly Pitcher being presented to George Washington. The General sits on a white horse in the center of the composition facing right. His officers appear immediately behind him, also on horseback. The main American army is lined up behind Washington. One soldier is carrying an American flag. Two more red flags are depicted at the extreme left edge of the painting. Molly Pitcher is being presented to Washington by an officer who is holding his hat over his head. She is neatly dressed in a green petticoat, and red bodice over a white short sleeve shift. Her head is bowed in deference to the General, and her hands on her petticoat suggest she is about to curtsy. More troops appear behind Molly, one of whom is carrying an American flag. Broken carts, cannon balls, and other debris from the battle form the foreground. Smoke from the cannon fire fills the sky. A hill appears in the right distance.

Dimensions

25.4 × 35.5 in. (64.5 × 90.2 cm)