



Two Children of the Applegate Family

Primary Maker

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Medium

Oil on canvas

Description

Portrait of two children posed in front of their home and farmstead. A blonde-haired boy, standing right of center, wears black trousers, a dark red velvet short sleeve jacket with white collar and cuffs, and black shoes. A younger blonde girl left of center is seated. She wears a short sleeve gold dress with white collar and cuffs, white pantaloons, and brown shoes. The girl is holding a bunch of lilies, and has a long-haired brown dog at her feet. She points to a bunch of lilacs being offered to her by the boy. He holds her hat, festooned with ribbons, in his left hand. The children are depicted in a landscape setting, with a tree and bush immediately behind the girl on the left. In the right distance is a five bay, two story house with green shutters, a columned porch, and end chimneys. Before the house is a horse-drawn carriage with several people around it. In the distance between the two children is a farm yard with red-painted barns, a corn crib, a long shed, a number of animals, and two farm hands. A scarlet tanager is perched on a branch of the tree behind the little girl. A colorful sky with dark clouds to the right completes the composition.

Dimensions

28.4 × 35.4 in. (72.1 × 89.9 cm)