



## The Old Washington House on Claypit Creek

### Primary Maker

Unknown Artist

### Medium

Oil on wood panel

### Description

The artist stood on the shore of a creek looking across to an old house, the main section of which is two stories high surmounted by a square tower. To its left is a one and a half story wing. A columned porch appears across the front of both sections, and around the gable end of the larger part. The house is surrounded by five large Lombardy Poplar trees, and fronted by a stone wall near the shore of the creek, as well as a board fence. Other details include a barn partly seen behind the house, a martin house on a pole, a small outbuilding that might be a cold room or ice house, and a cow grazing just inside the fence. A high hill appears behind the farm. On the near shore are six fishermen. The three in the lower left corner have hung their nets to dry. One carries a basket of fish while holding one in the air. Another is enjoying a pipe. In the center a lone fisherman is helping two others in a rowboat to unload their nets and gear. A small sailboat in the right middle distance contains a male at the tiller, two women in bright clothing, and a small dog at the bow. A second sailboat appears in the distance beyond the point of land where the house sits. The colorful partly cloudy sky contains four flocks of birds in flight.

### Dimensions

Sight: 20.3 × 27.3 in. (51.6 × 69.3 cm)