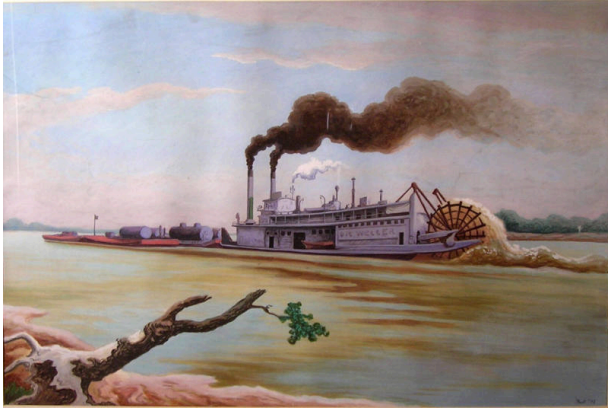


Basic Detail Report



Mississippi Towboat

Date

1945

Primary Maker

Thomas Hart Benton

Medium

Gouache on wove paper

Description

"A Towboat on the Mississippi led Benton a merry chase. To paint it, he followed it up the river in a launch for two hours as it chugged along from Baton Rouge toward Natchez, pushing three oil barges. Benton had never before had a chance to study a stern-wheeler. He was especially anxious to draw the paddle-wheels in action. He held the launch down to the speed of the towboat, and stayed behind it at the angle shown in the painting." [Oil, 1940-1945] This painting is part of a series of works commissioned by Standard Oil Company to illustrate the role of the oil industry in WWII. Three-quarter stern view of stern-wheeler tug on the Mississippi pushing barges loaded with oil drums.

Dimensions

Image: 19 × 29" (48.3 × 73.7 cm)