



Osceola of Florida

Date

published 1838

Primary Maker

George Catlin

Medium

Lithograph with hand coloring

Description

"Catlin had lavished care on two portraits of Osceola [who died 30 January 1838, "only hours after posing" for Catlin in Oklahoma], bust length and full length, and capitalizing on the popular interest he drew the stand, rifle in hand, on stone and struck off a lithograph (20" x 26") for sale at \$1.50. He advertised by handbill and in the newspapers, and with agents flogging the print on commission, anticipated the OSCEOLA. of Florida, as he called it, would be a money-maker" (SOURCE: Brian W. Dippie, "Catlin and his Contemporaries" (Lincoln, Nebraska: University Press, 1990), 117). Full length portrait of native american man standing besides a rock and holding a rifle. rock inscribed with the words "Osceola of Florida - Drawn on Stone - Geo Caitlin - Original Portrait - New York 1838"

Dimensions

Composition: 26 1/4 x 19 1/2 in. (66.7 x 49.5 cm) Sheet: 26 11/16

x 19 15/16 in. (67.8 x 50.6 cm) Frame: 32 3/4 x 26 1/8 x 1 5/8 in. (83.2 x 66.4 x 4.1 cm)