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TREATMENT RECORD

Seiberling, Gertrude SKIP HOIST AND LIME KILN ICA 55/91

Owner: Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, Inc. # SHH 1.11
 714 North Portage Path
 Akron, OH 44303

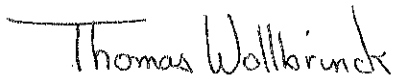
The painting was photographed to document condition. Areas of lifting paint, along the mechanical cracks in the foreground, and flaking paint, in the sky, were consolidated with PVA-AYAA ¹, followed by heating with a tacking iron. Areas where the paint had tented in the lower right corner were reduced with gentle heating with a hot air blower, followed by placing a slightly damp blotter on the verso and heating the recto with a tacking iron.

Tests were conducted to determine the most appropriate method of grime removal. Surface cleaning with a solution of Triton X-100 ² slightly buffered with ammonium hydroxide, followed by saliva and then with Naphtha removed a thick, grey layer of grime. Areas of green paint in the foreground showed some sensitivity to the Triton X-100/ammonium hydroxide solution and to saliva, so the intent of the cleaning was to achieve as even an overall grime removal as was possible. This required that no area be cleaned further than the green passages. The linear strokes of black and red paint along the rabbet in the lower right corner were left on the surface as they appear to be inherent to the painting's construction.

Areas of flake loss were filled with Dap Vinyl Spackle ³. These losses were later inpainted with watercolor. To preserve the artist's intent the painting was left unvarnished.

Eight replacement keys were fabricated. The painting was keyed out to proper tension and the keys secured with fishing line. An acid-free backing board was installed.

Final documentation was completed and the painting prepared for return to the owner.



Thomas Wollbrinck
 Paintings Fellow



Tom Caley
 Acting Head Paintings Conservator

June 17, 1991

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- 1 Poly (vinyl acetate), Union Carbide.
 - 2 A non-ionic detergent, Sigma Chemical Co.
 - 3 A proprietary spackling compound, Dap Inc.