Watercolour - Greeting the Postman

Object: Watercolour

Place of origin: Britain (made)

Date: ca. late 19th century (made)

Artist/Maker: Macbeth, Robert Walker, born 1848 - died 1910 (artist)

Materials and Techniques: Watercolour drawing

Museum number: P.52-1935


Descriptive line
Watercolour by R. W. Macbeth entitled 'Greeting the Postman'. Great Britain, late 19th century.

Physical description
Watercolour depicting a woman outside the front of a large house in the snow, reaching for a letter from a postman mounted on a grey horse. In the doorway to the house are a group of women and children, eagerly awaiting news from the letter.

Dimensions
Height: 14.8 cm, Width: 20.8 cm

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Object history note
The artist exhibited 'The Morning Post' at the Society of Painters in Watercolour in 1877 as no. 272, and an etching of this title as no. 587 appeared in the Dudley Gallery's black and white exhibition in 1878. The paintings was sold at Christie's in 1935 and reproduced as a picture postcard.

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