

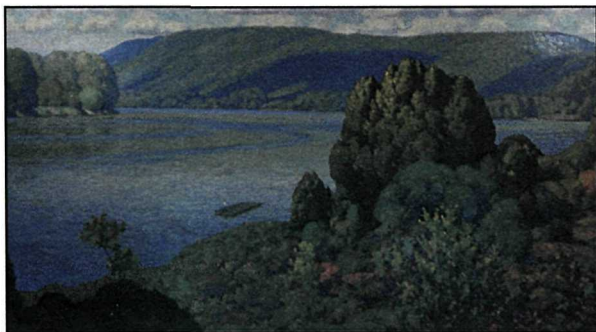
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## Clifton Wheeler



### The Painting

In 1944, the Indiana Lincoln Union commissioned Indiana artist Clifton Wheeler to paint a large mural - competed in 1945 - depicting the location on the Ohio River where the Lincolns crossed from Kentucky into Indiana. The painting sustained water damage from a 2004 leak above the fireplace. After the National Park Service staff repaired the leak, the painting was restored by a professional conservator.

### The Artist

Clifton Alfred Wheeler (1883-1953), an Indiana artist raised in Mooresville, was a private pupil of William Forsyth. Wheeler began studying at the New York School of Art in 1902 under Chase and Roberti Henri. He exhibited widely receiving prizes from various associations, museums, and Universities between 1917 and 1928. He taught at the University of Colorado and then in Indianapolis at Herron Art Institute and Shortridge High School. Wheeler was renowned during his lifetime with hundreds of his paintings, sketches and murals still in existence in Indiana and throughout the country.