

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Owen Glendower

William Blake (British, 1757–1827)

Date ca. 1820

Medium Graphite on laid paper

Dimensions 9 1/8 x 7 1/8 in. (23.1 x 18 cm)

Credit Line Bequest of Charles A. Ryskamp, 2010

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Commentary Drawing on his powerful skills of invention, Blake envisions the rugged features and stern gaze of the medieval Welsh nobleman and revolutionary Owen Glendower, whose countenance he renders with flowing, sinuous lines. The sheet belongs to a series of “visionary heads” by Blake and his associates, whose enthusiasm for the realm of the imagination would become a hallmark of the British Romantic tradition.