

William de Leftwich Dodge (American, (1867–1935)

Seascape, ca. 1920

Oil

Museum Purchase, 1986.001

American painter and muralist William de Leftwich Dodge was born in Bedford, Virginia and spent most of his childhood life abroad in Europe where he studied painting in Paris and Berlin. Aligned with the American Impressionists, Dodge planned and built *Villa Francesca*, a remarkable studio house overlooking Setauket Bay, New York. Painting *en plein air* (outside), Dodge captured the light, churning movement, and deep blue color of the sea near his home in his painting *Seascape*.

"It reminds me of the beach. Playing wave tag with Adalyn this past summer at Kitty Hawk. When a big wave washes up, you run and try not to get touched by the water. Otherwise, you are out."

—Declan Guggenheimer

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