



Door to Pennsylvania Dutch school house

Date
1950

Primary Maker
Wright Morris

Medium
Ferrotyped gelatin silver print

Description
As a young photographer, Wright Morris traveled across the United States from California to Cape Cod. On this trip, which he later called an “eye-opener,” he encountered a culture still burdened by the Great Depression but blessed with great natural beauty. “I saw the American landscape crowded with ruins I wanted to salvage,” he said. “The depression created a world of objects toward which I felt affectionate and possessive. I ran a high fever of enthusiasm, and believed myself chosen to record this history, before it was gone.” Morris took up the job of a documentarian throughout his life, recording details like the Door to Pennsylvania Dutch school house (1950).

Dimensions
Image: 9 7/16 × 7 1/2 in. (24 × 19 cm) Sheet: 10 1/16 × 7 15/16 in. (25.6 × 20.2 cm)