

# Basic Detail Report

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## Indians Hunting Elk

### Date

1837

### Primary Maker

Alfred Jacob Miller

### Medium

Oil on canvas

### Description

Painting depicting two Native American males on horses chasing an elk across the Platte River. One hunter is on a

brown horse with the hunter's hair blowing backwards as they gallop towards the elk. The second hunter is on a white horse that has black socks on all four legs and a black/grey face. His hair and feathers are also blowing backwards as the gallop. The hunters are on a hill overlooking the Platte River and the elk. There is a tree behind the hunters that has broken in half, with the other piece underneath the two horses. The land beyond the river is sparsely populated with vegetation. The hill, however, has a dense line of trees that fade off towards the left of the painting. The sky is a mix of pastel pinks, blues, and oranges. The painting's frame is gold with decorative floral designs in the four corners of the frame. The back of the painting has 8 labels on the support backing and discuss the exhibit history of the painting and its previous owner, Gerald P. Peters. The support backing is held into place with 8 brackets and 8 screws.

### Dimensions

Framed: 30 1/2 × 35 3/4 × 4 in. (77.5 × 90.8 × 10.2 cm) Sight: 21 × 26 1/4 in. (53.3 × 66.7 cm)