



**Drawing based on:**

Nahum Ball Onthank, (American, 1823–1888)

*Portrait of Captain Lyman Allyn*

1846

Oil on canvas

Lyman Allyn Estate, 1931.20

Captain Lyman Allyn (1797–1874), the Museum's namesake, spent his early career at sea, pursuing whales out of the port of New London as a sailor and then a captain. By the time this portrait was painted, he had become an agent managing a fleet of ships, with investments in other areas as well. The artist who painted this portrait, Nahum Ball Onthank, was originally from New London. Largely self-taught, he found success as a portraitist and moved his studio to Boston.