

## Donation of the Month

### War Eagle Store

Donor: Vera Key Estate

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Artist: Imogene Ragon



Imogene McConnell Ragon (1887-1980) was an Arkansas artist born and raised in Clarksville. She was often referred to as “the Painter of the Ozarks”. Ragon attended the College of the Ozarks where she was honored with the Imogene Ragon Memorial Art Award Scholarship. She attended the St. Louis School of Fine Art; and also studied in Maine, Massachusetts and Connecticut. She was a popular exhibitor during the early years of the War Eagle Craft Fair. Her works span 20 states, but she is best known for her watercolor landscapes, flowers and old building in the Arkansas Ozarks.

This work is undated, but depicts the general store near War Eagle Mill. The first building was built by Garland Cook around 1900. After it burned the store was rebuilt and continued to serve as a general store and an important center of community activities for many years. The rebuilt store building still stands today.