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## **Provenance:**

Private Collection, North Bend OR

<sup>&</sup>quot;In *Buttercups*, 1994, a row of green, pumpkin-shaped gourds tumble along a simple wooden shelf supported by decorative brackets with delicate, cutwork openings resembling lace. The energy of the tipping gourds animate the composition, as Wyeth's rendering of shadows cast by the shelf brackets seem to come alive. Wyeth's brush traces sunlight passing through the openings left by a woodworker's jigsaw into a realm where ghostly fingers stretch along the wall, taking on the life of spirits, as they reach for a crack of brilliant sunlight creeping around the frame of a door."

<sup>-</sup> Elliot Bostwick Davis, Ph.D., excerpt from "Jamie Wyeth: Pumpkin Shadow"