

Basic Detail Report



(GA.264) Powder Horn

Date

ca. 1775

Medium

Horn, Wood

Description

This is a powder horn with a twine strap. "The plan of Boston engraved on this horn shows several churches, the mill pond and the long wharf. Across the bay is Charlestown, which is unfinished as is the rest of the horn. Because the decorative vine-like borders engraved at the butt end and at the edge of the scalloped section of this horn have been completed in a very artistic manner, it indicates that the whole horn would have been exceptionally well carved if it had been finished. The blank horn with which the carver started is an unusual example of a nearly perfectly proportioned cow's horn. The body of the horn has an attractive curve with the main section a cream color and a dark faceted spout with a raised ring that is scalloped.

Dimensions

3 1/4 x 3 1/4 x 13 1/4 in. (8.3 x 8.3 x 33.7 cm)