

Basic Detail Report



Title Sign for Hayden's Inn

Date 1762

Primary Maker Uriah Hayden

Medium Paint (traces remaining) on yellow or tulip poplar board, with pine frame and iron hardware

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Description Image on front: a three-masted frigate, known locally as the "Old

Ship", centered on board. Image on back: an English royal coat of arms,

centered on board. No underlying images. Construction: Single board; double,

molded horizontal rails; turned posts. Board is set vertically and hand-sawn at

top and bottom to create decorative pediment and skirt profiles; board is held

by nails between paired molded rails. Each rail is tenoned into the turned posts

and secured with two pins. The rails of this sign differ from those in other two

Saybrook group signs, in that the orientation of the lower rail molding repeats

rather than reverses the profile of the upper rail. Style analysis suggests that this

example is the second of the three made by this unknown maker, a chronology

confirmed by the documentary evidence on tavern licensing. Wood used

Liriodendron tulipifera, yellow or tulip poplar, for the central panel; and *Pinus*

strobus, eastern white pine, for the rails and turned posts; identified by analysis

(Hoadley, March 2000).

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including hardware): 46 x 33in.

(116.8 x 83.8cm) Other (height x width of sign only): 42 x 30 7/8in. (106.7 x 78.4

cm)