

Basic Detail Report



Title Doorknobs

Date 1852 to about 1900

Primary Maker The Russell and Erwin Manufacturing Company

Medium Mold-formed marbelized stoneware with a lead glaze; iron

Description Pair of round doorknobs made of stoneware with a marbelized appearance, created by mixing at least two different colors of clay. The ceramic was coated with a clear lead glaze. The iron on both doorknobs is rusty. There are light scratches in the glaze on the ceramic portions of the doorknobs.

Doorknob (a) was mounted on a cylindrical iron support that then turns into a square rod. A hole, meant to accommodate a screw, is located at the far end of the square rod. Doorknob (b) was mounted onto a cylindrical iron support with a square hole in it. A hold in the cylinder, near the doorknob, was meant to accommodate a screw that would subsequently fit into doorknob (a).

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x diameter of knob .3a): 4 1/2 x 2in.

(11.4 x 5.1cm) Primary Dimensions (height x diameter of knob .3b): 1 7/8 x 2 1/8in. (4.8 x 5.4cm)