

Basic Detail Report



Title Suitcase

Date late 19th-mid 20th century

Primary Maker Belber Company

Medium Metal, cloth, press cardboard, tape, rubber, paper

Description Rectangular, brown corrugated style suitcase (.a) with keys (.b). (.a)

Outer portion of suitcase has rounded edges with four round metal studs

attached to four corners of back edge, for standing upright. Lid of suitcase is

attached by cloth stitching. Front of lid has two metal fasteners with springs,

which secure into metal lock on base of suitcase. Bottom edge of suitcase is

worn and is bordered with tape in order to keep insulation in. At the center front

of suitcase there are two buckles for a handle that is no longer connected;

instead a white, rubber coated cord is looped and knotted to the right buckle.

Below this, imprinted in white are the initials, "W. A. W.". Inside of suitcase is

lined with worn, blue/green satin with one large pocket attached to lid, and

pockets around sides and back of base. Within left hand pocket are multiple

metal tacks and hangers. At the top center of lid is a white cloth tag, stitched in

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black letters, "Belber / TRAVELING GOODS". (.b) Two flat, metal skeleton keys,

attached to round label. Engraved on each key, "SOSY". Round yellow paper

label has a thin metal frame, handwritten on one side of label, in black ink,

"AUDEY E. WILLGOOS", printed at the top of opposite side, "DENNIS U.S.A."

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 6 7/8 x 24 x 6 3/4in.

(17.5 x 61 x 17.1cm)