

Basic Detail Report



Title Morse Telegraph Message

Date 1844

Primary Maker Samuel Finley Breese Morse

Medium Paper and ink

Description Telegraph message with vaguely discernable Morse code dots and dashes. Handwritten in ink along the top: "At 8:45 A.M. Friday May 24, 1844 this sentence was transmitted from [from is crossed out] Baltimore/ by Elec. Mag. Telegraph/ and/ from Washington to Baltimore/, being the first sentence sent and indited by Miss Annie G. Ellsworth... Sam F. B. Morse, Superintendent of Electro Magnetic Telegraphs..." Handwritten in ink along the bottom in same hand: "What hath God wrought?"

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (approximate height x width): 28 1/2 x 1 1/2in.

(72.4 x 3.8cm) Mount (height x width): 5 1/8 x 30in. (13 x 76.2cm)