

Basic Detail Report

Title Man's Hat

Date 1818

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Wool felt, painted and varnished

Description Dark wool felt top hat, with an inscription painted around the crown reading, "May 25th, 1818 7500 Shad." A small fish is painted at the end of the inscription. There is also a painted hatband encircling the base of the crown. The brim is about two inches wide; it is now bent here and there and has two large areas of loss. The hat was varnished (or shellacked) to preserve it, although not before it had suffered the losses to the brim. The varnish covers the entire outside of the hat, and the underside of the brim. There is the remnant of an original paper lining inside the top of the crown.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 7 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 11 1/4 in. (19.1 x 26.7 x 28.6cm)