

Basic Detail Report

Title Man's Uniform Hat

Date about 1860

Primary Maker Captain James Harman Ward

Medium Hand-stitched wool, with a nap, possibly of beaver fur; silk, leather, and an unidentified embossed and printed, highly starched fabric (probably cotton)

Description Hat of dark, napped woven fabric. The bicorne shape is achieved by turning up two sides of the brim, these sides being wider than the brim at front or back. One side is decorated with a corded silk ribbon cockade; the other side is plain, but the brim is wider on this side, and so it stands slightly higher than the decorated side. The outer edges of the brim are bound with wide tape of a matching dark brown (originally black?) color, woven with a leafy vine design. A narrow tape hatband encircles the crown. Originally, the hat would have been decorated with a plume mounted in front, between the turned-up sides. The hat is lined on the inside with white tulle. The top of the crown is lined with white fabric that has been heavily starched and embossed; this fabric is stamped in gold with the maker's label. A leather sweatband encircles the bottom of the crown.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 8 1/4 x 5 1/4 x 16 5/8in.

(21 x 13.3 x 42.2cm)