

Basic Detail Report

Title Sign for Hayden's Inn

Date 1762

Primary Maker Uriah Hayden

Medium Paint (traces remaining) on yellow or tulip poplar board, with pine frame and iron hardware

Description Image on front: a three-masted frigate, known locally as the "Old Ship", centered on board. Image on back: an English royal coat of arms, centered on board. No underlying images. Construction: Single board; double, molded horizontal rails; turned posts. Board is set vertically and hand-sawn at top and bottom to create decorative pediment and skirt profiles; board is held by nails between paired molded rails. Each rail is tenoned into the turned posts and secured with two pins. The rails of this sign differ from those in other two Saybrook group signs, in that the orientation of the lower rail molding repeats rather than reverses the profile of the upper rail. Style analysis suggests that this example is the second of the three made by this unknown maker, a chronology confirmed by the documentary evidence on tavern licensing. Wood used Liriodendron tulipifera, yellow or tulip poplar, for the central panel; and Pinus strobus, eastern white pine, for the rails and turned posts; identified by analysis (Hoadley, March 2000).

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including hardware): 46 x 33in. (116.8 x 83.8cm) Other (height x width of sign only): 42 x 30 7/8in. (106.7 x 78.4 cm)