

Basic Detail Report

Title Sign for Bement's Inn

Date about 1786-1810

Primary Maker Deodate Bement

Medium Paint (traces remaining) on yellow or tulip poplar board, iron hardware

Description Images: both sides display images of saddles on saddle blankets; the more elaborately ornamented saddle, on side 1, is a sidesaddle, with double horns to facilitate riding aside; no underlying images. Construction: Single board with applied moldings; no structural frame. Board is oriented vertically and hand-sawn at top and bottom to create decorative pediment and skirt profiles. Applied moldings, mitered in corners, are nailed to front and back faces. Wood is *Liriodendron tulipifera*, yellow or tulip poplar, identified by analysis (Hoadley, March 2000). Surface: Traces of original black paint survive on the lettering of one side; the Prussian blue visible on pediment and skirt may or may not be original.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including hardware): 62 1/8 x 27 1/2in. (157.8 x 69.9cm) Other (height x width of sign only): 55 7/8 x 27 1/2in. (141.9 x 69.9cm)