

Basic Detail Report

Title Medicine Bottle or Flask

Date 1810-1880

Medium Mold-blown olive green glass

Description Mold-blown olive green glass medicine bottle or flask with a short cylindrical neck, a low sloping shoulder, a flattened barrel-shaped body with 36 broken ribs swirled to the left, and a pontil mark with a medium kick on the bottom. Surrounding the neck is a ridge of glass, formed by a second gather of glass added to the body of the bottle/flask using a technique known as the half-post method. The bottom has a ring of light scratches and wear. A yellowed, rectangular label is adhered to the side of the bottle/flask. The label has a central rectangular area with canted corners. Above the rectangle are the printed words, "S.G. MOSES & Co." Just inside the rectangle are more printed words, "APOTHECARIES/ 605 Main St." Below the rectangle are the words, "HARTFORD, CT." Inside the rectangle are the hand-written words, "Muriate Tin" (?). Each corner of the label has a small printed design: a mortar and pestle in the upper left corner; measuring devices in the lower left corner; medicine bottles in the lower right corner. The upper right corner is worn away. Kick: An indentation in the bottom of a drinking glass, bottle, or other glass object. Pontil mark: A rough place on a blown glass object where the solid metal rod, or pontil, is cracked off the object after final shaping and decoration. Pontil marks can be polished to achieve a smooth surface.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 6 1/4 x 4 x 2 1/8in.

(15.9 x 10.2 x 5.4cm)