

Basic Detail Report

Title Covered Basket

Date about 1840

Primary Maker Mohegan People

Medium Plain-woven oak

Description Square covered storage basket made of plain-woven oak. The square rim is double reinforced with half-round interior and exterior reinforcement. The warp and weft splints are medium to wide. Tight geometric and open geometric designs are colored with Mohegan pink and verdigris in varnish. The interior of the basket bottom is lined with a printed broadside advertisement dated March 1839. In the advertisement, John R. Thayer informs the inhabitants of Norwich, Connecticut, that he continues his silk, cotton, and wool dyeing business at his stand opposite the P. Phillips Hotel in Greenville. The interior of the basket lid is lined with a printed broadside titled, "Midnight Cry", issued in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, dated 13 July 1842. This broadside is a publication of the Millerites, a millennial religious sect, citing Bible passages to substantiate their view that Christ would return in 1843. It is written in question-and-answer format, with the name "Augustus Beach" appearing at the bottom.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 8 x 9 3/4 x 9 3/4in.

(20.3 x 24.8 x 24.8cm)