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Title Box

Date 1700-1710

Primary Maker Abigail Ball

Medium Oak, beech, pine, iron

Description Rectangular box with a front carved with tulips and the initials "AB" in the seventeenth century style. The top has ovolo, or thumbnail, molding on the front and sides; a cleat, or strip of wood, extends from the front to back on the underside of each side of the top. The top overhangs the front and sides of the box. The front is carved with a pattern of flat, raised branches, leaves and tulips on a textured, recessed background within a rectangular border. At the lower center of the box are the incised initials "AB". Each front corner of the box has a vertical line of small gouges, or chip carving. The sides and back of the box are plain. The bottom overhangs the front and sides of the box slightly, and has a canted, or slanted, top edge. The box has an overall red wash. Condition: The edges of the top are well worn, especially at the front. The front edge of the bottom of the box is worn. The top is refinished. Design and Construction Details: Design. The carved decoration on the front of the box is in the Hadley style. The carving consists of flat tulips, leaves and vines outlined with incised lines on a recessed, textured background. The initials are formed from incised lines, and are separated by a recessed, vertical area outlined in chip carving. Construction. The top is constructed of a single pine board; the cleats are nailed to the underside of the top. The top is joined to the box with a pair of iron cotter-

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pin hinges at the back edge. The front is constructed of a single beech board.

The back and each side of the box is constructed of a single oak board. The sides

of the box fit into rabbets on each end of the front and back boards of the box;

the sides are nailed in place through the front and back corners of the box. The

bottom of the box is constructed of a single pine board that is nailed to the

underside of the front, sides, and back of the box.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall height x width x depth): 9 x 23 3/4 x

19in. (22.9 x 60.3 x 48.3cm)