

Basic Detail Report

Title Sign for the Grosvenor Inn

Date 1772-1786

Medium Paint on pine board, posts of unidentified hardwood, iron hardware

Description Images: On side 1, profile view of riderless black horse, galloping on green ground. On side 2, profile view of white horse, also galloping on green ground and carrying a rider (possibly George Washington) holding an early version of the American flag. Text: On both sides, on apron, "C*Grosvenor / 1765." Side 2 lacks the period after the date. Construction: Single board, grain oriented vertically, flat horizontal rails with integral pediment and skirt, vertical stiles, and also turned posts. The board is set into grooves in the inner edges of the stiles, which are in turn tenoned into the rails and double pinned. The rails extend up and down to form a decoratively-shaped pediment (now replaced) and skirt. Rails are tenoned through the turned posts and double pinned. The picture panel is framed by two sets of moldings: first, decorative moldings cut into the inner edges of the rails and stiles, and second, applied ogee-shaped molding strips, mitered at corners, nailed to the faces of the rails and stiles. The accuracy of its profile, exactly mirroring the skirt, cannot be confirmed. No evidence of the original pediment shape survived the restoration, and may not even have existed at that time, prompting a conjectural design.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including hardware): 52 1/2 x 32 3/4in. (133.4 x 83.2cm) Other (height x width of sign only): 47 x 32 3/4in. (119.4 x 83.2cm)