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Title Sign for Hinman's Inn

Date about 1795-1815

Primary Maker Amos Hinman

Medium Paint on hardwood, probably black cherry board, oak bracket, iron hardware

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Description Images: On both sides, a radiant sun with facial features, centered on an oval panel. No underlying imagery. Construction: Single board, cut into smooth-edged oval shape, with flat horizontal rails and turned posts. The board is oriented vertically and is attached with wooden dowels to the centerpoints of the rails and posts. Rails are cut from single boards, with shaped profiles on both edges, joined to posts with offset, double tenons mortised into posts and secured with wooden pins. Surface: The yellow pigment used for the sun has been identified as a pale litharge-based color, probably Patent or Montpelier's yellow used by house painters until the introduction of Chrome Yellow around 1815; the background was white, now largely worn off. Both sides display centering holes and compass arcs used to lay out the sun's disk, with divider holes marking the spacing of rays. The name banner, with white letters on a black band, resembles work on later signs, as the Sign for Wightman's Inn, about 1815-24.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including hardware): 56 1/2 x 41 1/4in. (143.5 x 104.8cm) Other (height x width of sign only): 44 1/2 x 28in. (113 x 71.1cm)