Basic Detail Report



Title Whale Oil Lamp

Date about 1850

Primary Maker Fuller & Smith

Medium Spun Britannia

Description Spun Britannia whale oil lamp consisting of a bell-shaped font, or reservoir. A disc is soldered to the round opening at the top of the font. The center of the disc is recessed and pierced with one hole containing a narrow

tube that extends down into the font. An additional hole is pierced through the edge of the disc; the edge is also decorated with a band of slanted, incised lines. A pair of incised lines circle the font at the shoulder. The base of the font has projecting molding. At one side, a round handle is soldered to the side of the font. The lamp is lightly tarnished, and the base has many small dents.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including handle x depth): 3 3/4 x 3 5/8 x 2 7/8in. (9.5 x 9.2 x 7.3cm)