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Title Sign for Wightman's Inn

Date 1815-1824

Primary Maker Asa Wightman

Medium Paint on pine board and frame, sand, gold leaf, iron hardware

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Description Images: On both sides, on central board, a rampant lion, with slightly different positioning of tail from side to side. On pediment scrolls, cornucopia. Text: On both sides, in banner above lion, "A. WIGHTMAN'S"; in banner below lion, "INN". Identical on both sides except that side 1 has reversed "N's". No underlying text. Construction: Large center board with thin additions nailed to each side edge, cut to oval shape. Flat, horizontal rails with pediment and skirt extensions, chamfered posts. The board, with grain oriented vertically, hangs by iron straps from the pediment rail, which is constructed of two horizontal boards set edge-to-edge, the seam lying just above the iron hanging loops. The upper board extends up to form a pediment, hand-sawn to create decorative scrolls. The bottom rails appears to be a single board, which extends down to form a skirt, hand-sawn to create decorative cusps. The upper and lower rails are joined to the chamfered posts with double through-tenons and double-pinned. Narrow horizontal moldings are applied to both top and bottom rails.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including hardware): 57 3/8 x 32 3/8in. (145.7 x 82.2cm) Other (height x width of sign only): 55 3/4 x 31in. (141.6 x 78.7cm)