Basic Detail Report



Apron

Date

1830

Medium

Leather, satin

Description

Freemason's apron consisting of a square of white kid leather bordered with green satin and gold thread. A semi-circular panel of green satin hangs from the top, decorated with a gold fringe and gold embroidery depicting masonic symbols (compass, sun, moon and stars), with 2 rectangular panels hanging beneath. There are ties for fastening the apron at the back. In the Cuming orignal catalogue it is recorded as "Scotch Constitution 1830". Freemasonry is recorded as far back as the 17th century but probably came from the master stone mason guilds long before that. Freemasons now focus on charitable works and social activities but in the past played an important role in male professional networking, useful for contacts, for gaining acceptance and for potential advancement. The ritualistic and "secret" side of Freemasonry meant it was often negatively viewed.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 340 x 375 mm