

Basic Detail Report



Snuff-Box

Date

17th century

Medium

Wood

Description

Snuff box. The lid depicts a scene of Guy Fawkes attempting to burn down the Houses of Parliament. On the underside is a floral and foliate design. Snuff boxes were used for holding snuff, a scented powdered tobacco, in

the 17th and 18th centuries. It was inhaled through the nose and was thought to have medicinal properties. The making of snuff boxes was a lucrative business. They could range in design from very simple to extremely ornate.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 30 x 95 mm