

Basic Detail Report

Lantern

Date

1770-1870

Primary Maker

Richard Cuming

Medium

Wood, tin, glass

Description

Magic lantern made by Richard Cuming. It is formed of a wooden box onto which is attached the lens at the front, and a conical top. The Magic Lantern was a type of early image projector often used in the home. It used a concave mirror to shine light through a slide (on which was painted the image to be projected) and through a lens at the front. The outcome was a large projection of the image on the screen.

Dimensions



Object/Work: 400 x 205 x 360 mm