



## Religion case object 4: "Totem-Pole"

### Date

1900-1933

### Medium

Wood

### Description

Very little is known about this object and how it came to be in the collection. Notes tell us it was donated to the Cuming museum in the 1930s by a Mr H. C. Smith. It is a miniature totem pole thought to be from the indigenous communities of the north west coast of Canada. It is carved of wood and painted white, black, red, green and yellow. The decoration includes the figures of 3 animals: frog, bear and one unidentified animal. It has writing on the back on a red background. The writing on the top back is illegible at the moment but the middle reads: 'Frog for patience', and bottom: 'Bear. Courage'. If you have any further information on anything to do with this object we

always welcome new details and people's stories, so please get in touch. This object is on display at the Southwark Heritage Centre and Walworth Library, 145-147 Walworth Road, London SE17 1FZ.

### Dimensions

Object/Work: 228 x 47 x 42 mm