

Basic Detail Report



Lantern

Date

1793

Primary Maker

Richard Cuming

Medium

Tin, glass

Description

Small hand-held Magic lantern made by Richard Cuming.

Formed of black laquered tin, with a handle, glass lens with separate cap, and heat vent at the top bent towards the front. 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: 200 x 53 x 200 mm