

Basic Detail Report



Key

Date

1700-1899

Medium

Metal, paper

Description

Key to the Marshalsea prison with a label attached. The label reads "The key of Marshalsea Prison. Given to S. W. by her father 1884. Where little Dorrit was born. Written by Charles Dickens." The Marshalsea was a famous prison in Southwark best known for incarcerating the poorest of London's debtors. It was run privately for profit, opening in the 1400s and closing in 1842. It was made famous by the writings of Charles Dickens, whose own father was sent there in 1824.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 95 x 115 x 7 mm