

Basic Detail Report



Scrimshaw

Date

c. 1865

Primary Maker

Unidentified Artist

Medium

Whale bone

Description

Sperm whale tooth decorated with scrimshaw. One side shows woman standing atop plot of land dressed in full-length dress with flower in one hand and other arm resting on an anchor. Piece of rope and an anchor fluke shown. Reverse: Eagle in the air above with banner in its mouth. Below a shield with stars and stripes behind which is a grouping of American flags, rifles, and lances. Below

shield is a pair of crossed cannons and cannon balls on ground below. Uppermost tip shows scalloped lines drawn in two layers, lines set off with series of dots. Initials on side: J.P.B.

Dimensions

Sight: 4 1/2 × 2 1/4 × 1 1/2 in. (11.4 × 5.7 × 3.8 cm)