

# Basic Detail Report

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## 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)