

Basic Detail Report



Mask

Date

c. 1860-1880

Primary Maker

Owekeno or Kwakwaka'wakw (Kwakiutl)

Medium

Wood, pigments, hair, nails, silk fabric, metal wire

Description

Lieutenant George T. Emmons, an American Naval officer stationed in Alaska in the 1880s and 1890s, collected this mask. He probably started collecting soon after his arrival as his duties placed him in frequent contact with native people. George G. Heye of the Museum of the American Indian bought about 2,200 objects from Emmons during

their 40-year relationship. Heye purchased this mask for the museum in 1924.

Dimensions

Overall: 14 1/2 × 10 × 5 3/4 in. (36.8 × 25.4 × 14.6 cm)