Basic Detail Report



Comb

Date

1670-1687

Primary Maker

Seneca (Haudenosaunee)

Medium

Moose or elk antler

Description

Since late prehistoric times Haudenosaunee artists carved

effigy-decorated combs made from wood, bone and antler. The combs were worn by men, women and children. After the introduction of metal tools in the 17th century, the carvings became more elaborate with finely cut teeth. The carvings reached their peak in development between 1650 and 1700, after which they slowly went out of fashion

Dimensions

Overall: 2 $3/4 \times 3 1/4$ in. $(7 \times 8.3 \text{ cm})$