

# Basic Detail Report

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## Artist's Box

### Date

c. 1845-1880

### Primary Maker

William E. McMaster

### Medium

Wood, leather, brass, iron

## Description

A painted wooden (likely pine) artist's brush box with "Wm. E. McMaster / Portrait Painter" painted in red on the lid. On the lid, a leather handle is affixed by brass rivets and an iron screw (seller noted handle is a replacement). The front side of the box has a key hole (no key present). The box is painted black, with the four sides each decorated with two borders: an inner thick-lined yellow rectangular border surrounded by a thin-lined red rectangular border. The box's bottom is unadorned aside from the black paint. The lid of the box is surrounded by a thick-lined yellow border. Thin red lines border and encircle the artist's name, underneath which a bird's talon grips long red and white paint brushes, which are tipped with different color. "Portrait Painter" is surrounded by red and green floral decoration.

## Dimensions

Overall: 7 1/2 × 10 × 16 in. (19.1 × 25.4 × 40.6 cm)