

Basic Detail Report



Gorget

Date

c. 1850

Medium

Silver

Description

Silver adornment became important to the fur trade during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and became an important part of relations between Natives and Europeans for several centuries. Native leaders received crescent shaped gorgets as symbols of alliances and in trade. Hammered in thick, heavy silver these gorgets may have been worn hanging vertically on a

string around the neck.

Dimensions

Overall (a): 2 × 6 3/8 in. (5.1 × 16.3 cm) Overall (b): 1 1/2 × 3 3/16 in. (3.8 × 8.1 cm) Overall (c): 1 1/4 × 3 1/4 in. (3.2 × 8.3 cm)