



Creator:

Tomah Joseph

Date:

1905

Identifier:

T0043

Description:

Excerpt from the Thaw Catalog: Birch bark containers and canoe models were made with the soft dark brown coating of the inside of the bark forming the outer surface of the objects to allow for sgraffito decoration. Designs were created by scraping away the dark layer to expose the lighter surface. Tomah Joseph was one of the most active of the Passamaquoddy Indian producers of birch bark objects. This example is the highwater mark of his development as a model canoe maker. He was also the builder of one of the last ocean-going canoes of his people. In addition to various images, he incised his name and several Native texts on this canoe. "Kolele mooke" means "good luck", and "Mikwid hamin" translates as "remember me." Lester 1993, p.19, fig.39; Skinner's 1993, lot 34; Time-Life Books 1995, p.61; Vincent 1995a, pp.26-27.

Physical dimensions:

height 8.25 in ; length 50.5 in ; width 10.5 in

Format:

Canoe Model

Coverage:

Maine ; Peter Dana Pt (Princeton) ; Passamoquoddy

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