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ca. 1840

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Description:

Excerpt from the Thaw Catalog: While it is often claimed that brown ash splint basketry among the Northeastern Woodland people was introduced by Swedish settlers on the lower Delaware River (New Sweden was founded in 1638 and was conquered by the Dutch in 1655), the archeological recovery of woven ash splint fragments at Seneca sites dating to 1640-60 documents another origin for the widespread Native American basketry complex which flowered throughout the Northeast and somewhat later in the Canadian maritimes. Also, while splint basketry making clearly replaced fur trapping as an economic mainstay among the Eastern Indians in the nineteenth century, Haudenosaunee (Iroquoian) basket were made purely for Native use, such as sap tubs and sieves (for corn processing and sifting) (c.f. Tooker 1994:98-99) vegetable baskets, storage trunks and market baskets.

Physical dimensions:

diameter 10.75 in ; height 5 in

Format:

Splint Basket

Coverage:

New York ; Oneida (Haudenosaunee)

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