

Hanging Cupboard

Medium

Painted oak with yellow pine shelves and bottom board, the latter determined by microanalysis

Description

This small hanging cupboard features a single board door with original butterfly iron hinges and a small wooden closure knob in the lower left corner. A thick applied molding runs across the top of the front and sides. The backboard includes a small rectangular tab projecting above the case with a central hanging hole. Cutouts in the bottom four corners resemble feet. The cabinet door has been ornamented with an elaborate painted scene featuring a red heart flanked by a pair of hands beneath a gold crown bordered by clouds in shades of white, red, and yellow. The date 1722 appears above the crown. The decoration surrounding the door and on the sides consists of a painted ground of dark brown overlaid with red in circular patterns, perhaps in imitation of tortoise shell.



Dimensions

17.75 × 17.5 × 10.5 in. (45.1 × 44.5 × 26.7 cm)