



## Steamboat Paddlebox Lunette

### Primary Maker

Unknown Maker

### Medium

Carved, painted, and gilded pine and oak

### Description

A steamboat paddlebox lunette of two pine boards joined horizontally at the center. A deeply carved relief figure of an American Indian forms the central motif. The figure wears a thigh-length red tunic and black belt, with a red and black blanket draped over his left shoulder, and a red painted feather headdress over loose black hair. He holds a long bow in his left hand, with a quiver of arrows partially visible over his right shoulder. The Indian male is flanked on both sides by mirror image designs of elaborated carved foliate scrolls and flowers painted in shades of yellow ochre. A very deep blue has been used for the background, with a narrow band of yellow ochre along the bevelled arch edge.

### Dimensions

39.5 × 79.5 in. (100.3 × 201.9 cm)