

Basic Detail Report

Brushrest

Date

Early 19th century

Primary Maker

Unidentified artist

Medium

Carved steatite (soapstone)

Description

Carving of an old man, youth and woman on heavy talc with grayish green and brown color; triangular shape suggests its function as a brushrest. The piece rests on a fitted and carved wooden base. Child has his sleeves rolled up; one hand holds the basket in front of him, the other hand is inside the basket. Old man with a beard and a long pipe in his mouth turns his head to look at the woman who rests her left hand on his upper arm; both are standing in water waves. This is a narrative scene, though the subject is presently unknown.

Dimensions

Height: 4 inches (10.2 cm)