Jackie Lausier weaving boat shuttle

MCC-00479

Total Boxes: 1
Cubic Feet: .08

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Collection Overview

Creators

Jackie Lausier

Dates
circa 1960

Extent
1 box (.08 cubic feet)

Provenance
Material was brought in

Language
No language content

Conservation notes
None.

Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

Access:

No restrictions

Physical:

No restrictions

Technical:

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Collection Description

Historical and Biographical Information

A weaving shuttle is essentially a boat, which ferries a bobbin of thread across the river of a loom's warp threads in an orderly and expedient fashion. When a cloth is prepared to have the next in a series of threads woven into the fabric, the thread must pass from either left to right and back or one end of the work to the other across warp threads. Over the centuries, a number of ways have been devised to transport this thread. While one could toss a ball of thread, or a bobbin on which it is wound, from one side to the other, weavers have devised containers for bobbins, which offers several advantages. Shuttles by their shape and weight provide for speedy transport of the thread.
A shuttle is a tool designed to neatly and compactly store a holder that carries the thread of the weft yarn while weaving with a loom. Shuttles are thrown or passed back and forth through the shed, between the yarn threads of the warp in order to weave in the weft.

In the United States, shuttles are often made of wood from the flowering dogwood, because it is hard, resists splintering, and can be polished to a very smooth finish.

Scope and content
This collection consists of one wooden boat shuttle for weaving and most likely hand-made. It is a classic model with a closed bottom boat design even though there may be a hole in it. The shuttle measures 10 inches long and 2 inches wide in the middle. The bobbin and the bobbin support or axle are missing. The eyelet, where the thread passed through, has some wear to the opening.

Arrangement

Not applicable

Separated Materials (If Applicable)

Not applicable

Subject Headings

Acadian – Antiquities
Aroostook County (Me.) – History
Arts and crafts
Fort Kent (Me.)
Saint John River Valley (Me. and N.B.) – History
Textile Industry
Textile – Production
Weaving

Related Materials

Not specified

Collection Inventory

One wooden boat shuttle