

Basic Detail Report



Spear Andiron

Date

Federal period, early 19th century

Primary Maker

Brass Founder

Medium

Iron | Brass

Description

The front posts are made of cast brass and are supported by two curved brass legs. The legs have spurs pointing outward from their knees and sit on ball feet. The legs are

attached to the sides of a round plinth that support a hexagonal pedestal, on top of the pedestal sits a staged rounded stem that becomes columnar and then flares out to hold a sphere. On top of the sphere sits another rounded stem that tapers toward the top to support a shallow rounded cup and on top of the cup sits a hexagonal steeple that is surmounted by an ovoid finial with a top button. The legs were cast solid, but the posts themselves were cast in two vertical hollow halves and braised together.

Dimensions

Overall: 20 1/2 x 10 x 20 in. (52.1 x 25.4 x 50.8 cm)