



Woman's Hair Decoration

Date

c. 1870-75

Medium

Leather with dentalium shells and trade beads

Description

Leather with dentalium shell red trade cloth "white heart" and Russian faceted blue beads. Files note that this style of hair decoration was worn by women of high or noble birth. Some historic documentation lists this object as a belt pendant from a Plains tribe.

Dimensions

Overall (at widest): 14 in. × 4 1/2 in. (35.6 × 11.4 cm) Overall (at narrowest): 14 × 1 5/8 in. (35.6 × 4.1 cm)