Basic Detail Report



Square piano

Date 1858 ca.

Primary Maker Hallet, Davis & Co.

Description

Compass: CC-c5 Three pedals: left- moderator; middle and right both raise dampers (possibly originally arranged so that the middle pedal raised only the bass dampers;

cloth is presumably missing from rail under damper cranks, so the exact functions cannot be determined with certainty). Naturals covered with ivory with rounded fronts; sharps ebony. Action: English-grand type. Full cast-iron frame with capo-tasto bar in treble; this bar and the action are similar to those in Louis H. Browne's patent (#8383) of Sept. 23, 1851. Hitch-pin and wrest-pin areas of iron plate decorated with painted flowers and birds and leaves in gold, on a black ground. Bridge divided between F and F#, arranged for cross stringing. Bichord throughout, except for unichord stringing of 6 lowest notes. Case, with rounded corners, veneered in rosewood. Edge of lid gadrooned. Carved cabriole legs. Edge of lid gadrooned. Pedal holder in the form of an inverted lyre.

Dimensions

Excluding moldings: Length: 1900 mm Width: 925 mm Height of case (excluding lid, legs, and leg blocks): 310 mm Total height, excluding lid: 950 mm