

# Basic Detail Report

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## Violin

### Date

1900

### Primary Maker

Leander M. Nute

### Description

Maker lived 1837-1925. Leander M. Nute, born in New Hampshire in 1837, was listed in the 1860 Census as a station master living in Lisbon / Franklin Township, Linn County, Iowa. His one-year-old son had been born in Iowa, indicating that Nute had been in Iowa since at least 1859. In 1870 he was living in Somersworth, Strafford, New Hampshire, working as a shoe manufacturer. The birth of his second daughter (7 years old in 1870) in Iowa indicates that he was in Iowa until at least 1863. His youngest daughter, 1 year old in 1870, was born in New Hampshire, indicated that he had returned to his home state by 1869. Nute was listed in the 1880 Census still as a shoe manufacturer in Somersworth. In the 1882-1887 Dover (Great Falls), New Hampshire directory, Nute is listed as proprietor of L. M. Nute & Co., but in 1892, he was listed as a shoe manufacturer with Sullivan. By the

early 20th century, he devoted his full attention to violin making, and in 1920 he is listed in Portland, Maine as a manufacturer of violins. Top: two-piece, quarter-cut spruce: medium grain converging at the center joint in the upper bout Back: one-piece, slab-cut maple: prominent, irregular, narrow curl Ribs: quarter-cut maple: prominent, narrow curl, angled slightly to the right on the bass side and slightly to the left on the treble side; tool marks visible on inside Head and neck: maple: irregular, narrow-to-medium curl; neck stained light red-brown Edging: edges of top and back scraped after application of the varnish to simulate wear, and traces of black stain applied Varnish: red-orange, slightly shaded on top, back, and ribs Fingerboard: ebony Tailpiece: period ebony tailpiece from Arne B. Larson parts collection added by museum for display, 12/01; see accessories for tailpiece that came with violin Pegs: four rosewood with mother-of-pearl eyes enclosed in brass rings Saddle: ebony Endpin: ebony inlaid with celluloid ring, originally enclosing a central eye, now missing Linings: willow Corner blocks: spruce Top block: nail through block into neck

## Dimensions

Total violin length: 589 mm Back length: 356 mm Upper bout width: 169 mm Center bout width: 120 mm  
Lower bout width: 208 mm Upper rib height: 27-28 mm Center rib height: 28 mm Lower rib height: 28 mm  
Stop length: 194 mm Vibrating string length: 325 mm Neck length (nut to ribs): 131 mm