

Basic Detail Report



Square piano

Date

1817 ca.

Primary Maker

Clementi & Company

Description

A standard square piano with the usual English square-piano escapement action. Compass FF-c4 (5+ octaves; 68

notes); ivory naturals with maple molding in front, ebony sharps; one pedal to raise the dampers. Bichord stringing throughout. Mahogany case with geometrical stringing; gilt cast-metal leaf-and-dart molding at the lower edge; nameboard veneered in satinwood with a gold circle for the inscription, surrounded by leaves and berries in gold and black; typical fretwork in the nameboard and in the triangular area behind the wrest plank; three drawers with evidently non-original lion-head pulls; six reeded screw-on legs with gilt metal collars and brass casters; gilt metal rosettes on the blocks over the legs; folding music rack on back of the nameboard.

Dimensions

Length: 1677 mm Width: 588 to 590 mm Height of case (without drawers): 210 mm String lengths (mm; the longer string of the pair) c4 68½ c3 144 c2 297 c1 558 d# 796 (last brass string, original; e is an original iron string) c 877 C1224 FF1453