

Basic Detail Report



Square piano

Date

1828

Primary Maker

Alpheus Babcock

Description

Compass: FF to c4 (68 notes). Standard English square-piano double action. One pedal: dampers. Naturals

covered in ivory; sharps ebony. Bichord stringing; bass strings of Babcock's usual type with iron cores with flat iron wrapping. Case with rounded front corners, of mahogany with doubled lines of darker stringing near top and bottom; rosewood crossbanding at edge of bottom, at upper edge of which is a cast metal molding. Keywell veneered in rosewood with brass stringing. Nameboard with inlaid brass nameplate at center, surrounded by foliate decoration in gold with details in brown and white paint; lattice-covered rectangular openings near the ends. Fretwork panel over front portion of soundboard under lid flap; analogous panel to left of keyboard is missing. Faux-rosewood dust cover. Three drawers. Six turned reeded screw-on legs, with metal collars at top; matching pedal holder.

Dimensions

Length 1680 mm (excluding moldings) Width 655 mm (excluding moldings) Height 238 mm 3-octave measure of keyboard: 483 mm