

U.S. Army Snare Drum

Date

1862

Primary Maker

Charles E. Town

Medium

Wood; Leather; Paint

Description

A U.S. Infantry snare drum manufactured by Charles E. Town of Bath, Maine. The drum is a painted ash snare drum with brass tack pattern. The hoops and rims have

been painted red. It has original rope fasteners and brown leather tighteners. Both drumheads are intact, although the batter head has a large tear at its center. The original gut snares and tightener are present at bottom. Only remnants of interior original paper manufacturer's label remain. One side features a blue panel decorated with a spread-wing American eagle with a Federal shield and a riband reading: "Reg. U.S. Infantry." This snare drum was made by Charles E. Town of Bath, Maine. Town was awarded two contracts to manufacture drums for the U.S. Army in the 1850s and one in 1862, making roughly 975 drums for both Infantry and Artillery units. During the Civil War, snare drums like these were used in the field to signal troop movements and raise morale. This drum was used by Private Alpheus Holbrook, Company K, 19th Maine Infantry.

3D Model <div> <p style="font-size:13px;font-weight:normal;margin:5px;color:#4a4a4a"> Charles E Town 1862 Snare Drum by Znyth Technologies on Sketchfab</p></div>

Dimensions

Overall: 17 x 17 in. (43.2 x 43.2 cm)