Basic Detail Report

Portfolio Box and Introductory Pages

Date

c. 1748

Primary Maker

Giovanni Battista Piranesi

Medium

Portfolio: paper, cardboard and fabric; Introductory Pages: etching on paper

Description

A red cardboard portfolio box with accompanying introductory pages featuring an elaborate etched foliated border with books, instruments and a cameo. These pages are succeeded by a series of etchings of architecturally and historically significant sites in Rome, Italy. The introductory pages include: .a) Dedication page with the text, "Dedication to Giovanni Bottari" .b) List of the plate illustrations .c) Transcriptions of Latin inscriptions .d) Title page with the text beginning, "Antichità Romane de' Tempi della Repubblica, e de' primi Imperatori[...]"

Dimensions

Portfolio Closed: 23 × 18 3/8 × 2 3/8 inches (58.4 × 46.7 × 6 cm) Plate (.a): 9 3/16 × 13 13/16 inches (23.3 × 35.1 cm) Plate (.b): 9 1/4 × 13 3/4 inches (23.5 × 34.9 cm) Plate (.c): 9 1/4 × 14 inches (23.5 × 35.6 cm) Plate (.d): 9 1/4 × 14 inches (23.5 × 35.6 cm)