

Paperweight

Metalwork Collection

Accession Nr.: 74.272.1 

Artist/Maker: Willaschek, Valentin / model

Manufacturer: Iron Foundry of Munkács

Date of production: ca. 1840

Place of production: Munkács (Mukacseve)

Inscription: a talpazata felső részén kurzív írással: Munkáts

Materials: cast iron

Dimensions:
 height: 9,2 cm
 length: 18,5 cm
 width: 8,8 cm

The two shorter sides of the prismatic plinth of a jointed rim close in a semicircle. The figure of the decoration is a lying hound, crossing its front legs and raising its head, with a belt on its neck.

The first pieces of this type were made in the 1820 s in the Royal Prussian Iron Foundry in Berlin, following the model of Friedrich Riese, a German sculptor. It was first cast in Munkacs in the early 1840's, during the activity of V. Willaschek. V. Willaschek produced a model similar to Riese's, except for the posture of the dog's feet. The top of the plinth is marked in cursives: MUNKATS. Several variants are known, in various private collections.

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