

# Inkwell

## Metalwork Collection

Accession Nr.: **62.120.1** 

Artist/Maker: **Willaschek, Valentin**

Place of production: **Munkács (Mukacseve)**

Materials: **cast iron**

Dimensions: height: 12 cm  
length: 9,2 cm  
width: 5,2 cm

The ink well is shaped like a sarcophagus, standing on four paw feet, over a rectangular plinth. The inside shows a horizontal, relief figure of Napoleon, dressed in uniform. The inlet holds the two bowls (for the ink and the powder), covered with a roof of arcoteron corniche and tympanums on the four sides. The top of the roof is made of repoussé motifs: the typical Napoleon hat and a sword. Among the documents of the Schönborn iron foundry of Munkacs, the ink well imitating the coffin of Napoleon (*tintenfess mit Napoleon*) first appears in 1843. It most likely followed foreign models, arriving through Austria, since there is another casting decorated with the sarcophagus and figure of Francis I.

## Literature

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