

Basic Detail Report



The Black Ship Scroll

Date
1854

Primary Maker
Anonymous

Medium
ink and color on paper

Description
This long scroll depicts Shimoda Harbor with the squadrons of Commodore Perry, officers, men from Perry's ships; drawings of their uniforms, utensils, servants, flags, various activities (including the photographing of a Shimoda courtesan (Okichi?) "to show the American King"); a geisha party; huge bust portraits of Perry, his leaders, lists of feasts provided for the Americans and a careful duplicate of a Shimoda tombstone to a dead U.S. Marine. CAM 12/19/13-----

Dimensions
Scroll: 10 7/8 × 401 15/16 in. (27.6 × 1021 cm) Scroll in bag: 12 × 3 1/2 × 3 1/2 in. (30.5 × 8.9 × 8.9 cm)