

18th Century Material Culture

Busks



English Busks



English Wooden Busk
Dated 1675
(Victoria & Albert)



English Fruitwood Busks
Early 18th Century (Top) / Mid to Late 18th Century (Bottom)
(Private Collection)



English Wood Busk Marked "E B 1755"

1755
(Victoria & Albert)



English Wood Busk
1771
(Private Collection)



English Fruitwood Busk, Possibly Welsh
Dated 1781
(Christie's Auction House)



English Wooden Busk Marked "E B 1783"
1783
(Birmingham Art Museum)



English Wooden Busk Marked "E A 1786"
1786
(Private Collection)



Scottish Border Country Busk Marked "The Gift is small but Love is All Marey Oran 1788" / "I. T."

1786
(BBC)

American Buses



American Wooden Busk

1771
(Winterthur)



American Wooden Busk

1771
(Winterthur)



American "Chip Carved" Wooden Busk
c. 1775 - 1800
(Winterthur)



American Wooden Busk
Initialed "H.P. 1777"
(National Park Service)



American Wooden Busk Marked "MARGOT/WILLSON/1781"
1781
(Winterthur)



American Wood Busk
18th Century
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



American Linen Stays with Wood Busk
c. 1750 - 1780
(Winterthur)



American Wooden Busk
18th Century
(Private Collection)



American Wooden Busk Marked "HB / 1773"
"The Property of Mary Preston born Feb 10th 1738 / 1739" 1773
(Historic New England)



English or American Wood Busk
18th Century
(Private Collection)



American Chip Carved Wood Busk
Late 18th Century
(Cowan's Auctions)



Whalebone Busk
Late 18th to Early 19th Century
(Private Collection)



American Wood Busk Marked "D.T. 1782"
1782
(Private Collection)



American Wood Busk Carved by an American Prisoner of War While in a Prison Ship in Nova Scotia

1782

(Museum of the American Revolution)



American Wood Busk from Lexington, Massachusetts Marked "PC"
Late 18th - Early 19th Century
(Museum of Fine Arts, Boston)

Nova Scotian Busks



Nova Scotian Wood Busk
July 17, 1764
(Don Olson American Antiques & Fine Art)

French Buses



French Metal Busk
18th Century
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Les nymphes avec la chasse attire
A l'ombrage De ces forests, & de
Ces cabinets secrets un
Loin De l'embusche De la satire.

French Metal Busk
17th Century
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



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French Metal Busk
17th Century
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



French Ivory Busk
17th Century
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



French Ivory Busk
17th Century
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



French Horn Busk
c. 1660
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)

European Buses



European Wood Busk
18th Century
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



European Metal Busk
c. 1675-1725
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)

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