Primary Maker: Augustus Saint-Gaudens
Title: The Puritan
Date: 1899
Medium: Bronze
Dimensions: Overall: 30 1/2 × 18 × 13 in. (77.5 × 45.7 × 33 cm)
Credit Line: Gift of Mr. James Hazen Hyde
Object Number: 1946.253

Object Name: Statuette/Figurine
Classification: SCULPTURE

Curatorial Remarks:
This sculpture is a scale reduction of the over life size bronze statue of deacon Samuel Chapin created for Sterns Square in Springfield, MA. Although Chapin's name appears on the base of the original figure, it is omitted on the reduction in favor of the generic title, "The Puritan." Saint-Gaudens's figure carries a large bible and strides forward forcefully, embodying the 19th century view of the Puritans as pioneers motivated by religious and political ideals.

Physical Description:
Figure. Dark brown/ black patinated bronze.

Signed: Signed on base at right: "AUGUSTUS SAINT GAUDENS"
Markings: Dated on base at rear: "COPY BY / AUGUSTUS SAINT GAUDENS / MDCCCXCIX"