Primary Maker: John Butler Snook
Title: Architect's sign
Date: ca. 1837
Medium: Wood
Dimensions: Overall: 40 x 25 3/4 x 4 1/2 in. (101.6 x 65.4 x 11.4 cm)
Credit Line: Gift of Mr. Thomas E. Snook Jr.
Object Number: 1953.197

Object Name: Architect's sign
Classification: TRADE TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

Curatorial Remarks:
This trade sign, depicting the facade of a Greek temple, hung in front of the office of architect John Butler Snook (1815-1901), who established his firm in 1837. A largely self-taught architect, Snook played an instrumental role in developing the streetscape of downtown Manhattan. Among his notable buildings were the A.T. Stewart "Marble Palace" (1845-46), Grand Central Depot (1869-71), the Metropolitan Hotel (1849-52), as well as numerous private homes.

Physical Description:
Rectangular wooden sign with wrought iron hooks for hanging; high relief applied wooden Greek portico affixed to both sides (one side missing); black painted ground and brown portico; gilded inscription across bottom.
Markings: Painted in gold on both sides: "JNO. B. SNOOK / Architect. / ESTABLISHED 1837"
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