



## Object 1: Johannes Bard Fraktur

**Location:** Residence.

**Period:** Circa 1819.

**Region:** Adams County, Pennsylvania.

**Materials:** Ink and watercolor on laid paper.

**Artist:** Johannes Bard (1797-1861), active circa 1816-1838 in Adams and York Counties, Pennsylvania as well as Frederick County, Maryland.

**Dimensions:** 13 ¼ inches high x 15 ⅞ inches wide (site size); 16 inches high x 18 ¾ inches wide (frame size).

**Condition:** Professionally restored in 2005; fraktur retains some light foxing and staining

**Frame:** Reproduction sponge decorated frame with mitered corners.

**Provenance:** Client purchase.

**Description:** Johannes Bard hand drawn Geburts fraktur made for Jacob Werner, son of Philip Werner and Cherliche Staub, Adams County, Pennsylvania. Signed, dated and numbered by the artist, "Johannes Bard/No.75/May 22, 1819." Fraktur consists of a central heart motif with scalloped border containing family names and birth information flanked by stylized potted tulips. The top border contains a central eagle and shield design with three small tulips flanked by two sixteen point stars and larger tulips in each corner. Additional motifs include two sixteen point stars at the base of the heart, and a smaller scalloped heart device containing the artist's name and date. The lower corners contain scalloped hearts surmounted by tulips and encircling proverbs.

*References: Russell D. and Corinne P. Earnest, Papers for Birth Dayes: Guide to the Fraktur Artists and Scriveners, Second Edition, Volume 1, East Berlin, Pennsylvania: Russell D. Earnest Associates, 1997, pages 74-75.*

**Note:** The Appraiser gratefully acknowledges the assistance of David Wheatcroft for the information he supplied regarding the purchase and sale of Bard frakturs.

**Estimated Replacement Cost: \$15,000.**

***Some recent sales of Johannes Bard fraktur:***

- An 1832 hand drawn birth record for Magdalkna Mumbauer of Adams County, Pennsylvania in period painted frame. Attributed to Johannes Bard. Dimensions: 9 ½ inches high x 13 inches wide. Sold at William H. Bunch Auctions & Appraisals, Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, April 20, 2004. Lot 405. Realized price, \$400.
- An 1834 hand drawn baptismal record for Guwenne Catherina Lebo of Frederick County, Maryland. Signed "Johannes Bard/ 319". Watercolor and ink on paper. Dimensions: 13 ¾ inches high x 17 ½ inches wide. Sold at Christies, New York, 1993. Realized price, \$11,000.