

## 16. Lap Organ

### Instrument Identification

<i>Model name</i>	Lap Organ
<i>Serial/Opus number</i>	unknown
<i>Company of manufacture</i>	Jones & Burditt
<i>Date of manufacture</i>	c. 1847-1850

### Features

*General description* Also known as a rocking organ, rocking melodeon, and elbow melodeon, this lap organ was one of the first reed instruments manufactured in the United States.

*Options available*

*Description from Estey catalog*

### Specifications

*Case*

*Keys*

*Manuals*

- 3 octave manual
- F compass

*Description of air source* The spring-loaded double bellows are activated with the player's left forearm or heel of the left hand.

*Stops summary* no stops

*Reed Synopsis*

### Notes

*Original Price*

*Condition*

*Donor information*

*Other comments/anecdotes*

*References*

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