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Title Ashtray or Pen Tray

Date 1963

Primary Maker Maude Jeannette Purvis

Medium Pressed dark grey glass with gold and white transfer decoration Description Rectangular, translucent, pressed dark grey glass ashtray or pen tray with a plain edge and sides that slope gradually to a rectangular well. A gilded greek key band follows the rectangular edge. In the center, at the top, is the title, "Golden Anniversary Commemorative 1913-1963." Below this to the left is the symbol of the American Medical Association, showing a winged staff, or cadeucus, with two snakes twisted down the length of the staff. In the center of the tray is a gold and white bust of a man with short hair, wearing a suit and tie. To his right is the statement, "Dr. William David Coolidge/ - General Electric X-

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Ray/ researcher, who 50 years/ ago found the way to make/ brittle tungsten workable;/ and with it, created the high/ vacuum tube fundamental/ to modern radiography." To the right of this is an image of a standing woman, with her back to a tall object or machine, with a smaller square machine in front of her, being operated or manipulated by a seated person. Below these words and images is a second title, "Coolidge High Vacuum X-Ray Tube". Below that is a white printed device with a cylinder to the left, and a larger apparatus to the right. The back of the upper left corner of the tray has one very small chip. Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width): 9 x 7in. (22.9 x 17.8cm)