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Title Platters

Date about 1805-1815

Primary Maker Captain Ebenezer Hooker Mix

Medium Drape-molded Chinese export porcelain with overglaze enamel and gilding

Description Pair of matching oval-shaped Chinese export porcelain platters, part of a dinner service of which eighteen pieces survive: a soup tureen and tray, two platters, one bowl, ten plates, and four soup plates. The entire set has a gilt and red enamel border of undulating lines creating interlacing ovals at the rim. A neoclassical pseudoarmorial device found on each piece in the set consists of a red enamel and gilt shield and mantel, with the initials "SM" in the center. A few

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of the pseudoarmorial devices show the remnants of a pale pink enamel used

for the background of the shield and mantel. Black dots on the surface of the

platters indicate imperfections in the porcelain. Both platters have significant

wear in the gilt border along the top edge and the pseudoarmorial device in the

center. Platter (.9) has a small chip in the top right edge.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth of each platter): 1 1/2 x

17 1/4 x 15in. (3.8 x 43.8 x 38.1cm)