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Title Lidded Dishes

Date 1800-1810

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Mold-formed Chinese export porcelain with overglaze gilding and orange enamel

Description Pair of two oval, Chinese export porcelain lidded dishes with overglaze hand-painted orange enamel decoration in the Fitzhugh pattern. The Fitzhugh pattern consists of four groups of flowers and emblems, or geometric shapes, evenly spaced around a central circular medallion. This central medallion is a circular floral arrangement surrounded by a border consisting of a band of orange with darker lines creating a latticework, or diaper, pattern inside. At four points, this border is interrupted by an area of white with a small orange animal (possibly a dog). This is surrounded by a "Nanking" border, consisting of a series of lines that alternate between having an orange dot at either end or

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having an arrow pointing toward the central panel. Imperfections in the

porcelain appear as black dots or lines in the surface of the ceramic. Dishes (.a):

Each oval dish has a flared rim with portions of the outer edge of the rim curving

upward. The Fitzhugh pattern is hand-painted on the inside bottom surface of

each dish and is surrounded by an elaborate border composed of geometric

shapes, insects, and flowers on a field of orange enamel. A second border is

hand-painted at the rim of each dish, consisting of crossed lines of orange

enamel, creating a diamond or latticework pattern, on a field of orange. The

outer edge of the rim is gilded, and four clusters of orange enamel flowers are

hand-painted on the exterior sides of the dish. Lids (.b): Each of the relatively

flat, oval lids has an oval, organically shaped, gilded finial in the center. This is

surrounded by a variation of the Fitzhugh pattern, where two panels of flowers

surround a central medallion that appears on each side of the top of the lid.

Finally, an elaborate border is hand-painted at the rim of each lid, composed of

geometric shapes, insects, and flowers on a field of orange enamel. The enamel

has worn off, or been rubbed off during manufacture, one spot on the rim of the

lid .8b. Several spots of an unknown green substance, possibly paint, have

adhered to the exterior of dish .9a. One such spot is located on the lid. The

enamel has worn off, or been rubbed off during manufacture, several spots

along the rim of lid .9b.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x width x depth of .8a,b): 4

1/2 x 10 1/4 x 8 1/2in. (11.4 x 26 x 21.6cm) Primary Dimensions (height including

lid x width x depth of .9a,b): 4 1/2 x 10 1/4 x 8 3/8in. (11.4 x 26 x 21.3cm)