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Title Dish or Saucer

Date 1800-1810

Primary Maker Unknown

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

Description Rounded, leaf-shaped Chinese export porcelain dish or saucer with overglaze hand-painted orange enamel decoration in the Fitzhugh pattern. The dish has a flared, undulating rim. 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

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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 having an arrow pointing toward the central panel. The Fitzhugh pattern appears in the center of the dish/saucer and is surrounded by an elaborate border composed of geometric shapes, insects, and flowers on a field of orange enamel. There is a line of gilding at the outer edge of the rim. There are light scratches in the glaze, and worn enamel at the top surface of the rim. The gilding at the rim is also worn, especially around the projecting portions of the rim. Imperfections in the porcelain appear as black dots or lines in the surface of the ceramic.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (width x depth): 7 3/4 x 6 3/8in. (19.7 x 16.2cm)