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Title Soup Tureen

Date mid 19th century

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Drape-molded Chinese export porcelain with underglaze cobalt decoration

Description Rectangular Chinese export porcelain soup tureen and lid hand-painted in underglaze cobalt blue with a Chinese landscape; the soup tureen is a type of Chinese export porcelain known as Cantonware. The landscape consists of a willow tree and Chinese structure to the right. A river with a Chinese junk runs through the landscape, with a bridge in the foreground and houses, hills, and mountains in the distance. Imperfections in the porcelain appear as black dots and gouges on the tureen and lid. Tureen (.a): The landscape appears on the outside of the two longer sides of the tureen. The foot of the tureen has a border

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of underglaze cobalt blue with darker lines creating a diamond pattern inside.

Two molded handles in the shape of boars' heads have been applied to the ends

of the tureen. Lid (.b): The landscape appears on the top of the lid, with a

molded and applied finial in the middle. The landscape is then surrounded by a

field of white and then a "Canton" border, consisting of a scalloped line with

parallel lines of hatching running inside, and then a band of blue with darker

lines creating a diamond pattern inside. There is a small crack near the inside

rim of the lid which appears to be stable. The lower left side of the lid has an

accretion of an unknown substance.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x width x depth): 7 3/4 x 12

3/4 x 8 1/2in. (19.7 x 32.4 x 21.6cm)