

## **Title Lidded Vegetable Dish**

Date late 18th-early 19th century

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Drape-molded Chinese export porcelain with underglaze cobalt blue decoration

Description Rectangular, Chinese export porcelain lidded vegetable dish with hand-painted underglaze cobalt blue in the Fitzhugh pattern. The Fitzhugh pattern consists of four groups of flowers spaced evenly around a circular central medallion. The central panel is a circular floral arrangement surrounded by a blue border consisting of a band of blue with darker lines creating a diamond pattern inside. At four points, this border is interrupted by an area with a small white animal (possibly a dog). The central panel is surrounded by a "Nanking" border, consisting of a series of lines alternating between a line with a

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dot at either end and a line with an arrowhead at one end. The Fitzhugh pattern is found on the inside bottom of the dish (.a) and on the top of the lid (.b). In both places, it is surrounded by the same series of borders. First is a field of white followed by the "Nanking" border. This is surrounded at the rim of the dish and the lid by a final band of blue with darker lines creating a diamond, or lattice, pattern inside. The dish has another series of borders going down the side. The first is a band of blue with darker lines creating a diamond, or lattice, pattern inside followed by the "Nanking" border. The sides of the dish are left white, with a thin line of blue at the foot of the dish. The lid of the dish has an oval-shaped, molded and applied finial. Imperfections in the porcelain appear as black dots on the surface of the dish and lid.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x width x depth):  $5 1/8 \times 9 1$ /4 x 8in. ( $13 \times 23.5 \times 20.3$ cm)