

Basic Detail Report



Title Flagon

Date 1810-1820

Primary Maker Thomas Danforth Boardman and Sherman Boardman

Medium Cast pewter

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Description Cast pewter flagon, part of a Communion service consisting of a pair

of Communion cups (.1-.2), a pair of patens (.3-.4), and a flagon (.5). The flagon

has a stepped-domed lid, with a tall, urn-shaped finial at the top, and a curved

thumbpiece to one side. The lid is joined to the top of the handle with a hinge.

The body of the flagon is cylindrical, with straight sides tapering slightly from

bottom to top, over a flared base. A raised band of molding circles the body of

the flagon at the top of the base. The band consists of a projecting curve with a

fillet, or narrow flat section, above and below. At one side is an ear-shaped

handle with a C-scroll at the bottom that extends into a curved terminal. A

scallop with a drop is located at the top of the handle near the hinge. The

exterior surface of the handle is flat, and the interior surface is rounded.

Opposite the handle, a short, curved spout is soldered to the rim and upper

body of the flagon. The spout is applied over several holes that are punched

through the side of the flagon. The top of the spout is partially covered, leaving a

circular opening for liquid to pour out of the flagon. Skimming marks are visible

on the underside of the lid and the underside of the flagon. The flagon is

tarnished lightly on the interior and the exterior. The outside of the flagon has

many light scratches. Skimming Marks: Skimming marks are concentric rings left

on cast pewter objects by skimming tools. Skimming is the process of removing

metal and smoothing rough surfaces by scraping the pewter object as it rotates

on a lathe.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including spout and handle x

depth at base): 14 x 9 x 7 1/8in. (35.6 x 22.9 x 18.1cm)