

Basic Detail Report

Title Platter

Date 1780-1810

Medium Drape-molded Chinese export porcelain with underglaze cobalt blue

decoration

Description Small, rectangular, Chinese export porcelain platter with canted corners and a hand-painted underglaze cobalt blue decoration of a Chinese landscape. The central Chinese landscape consists of a willow tree with a Chinese structure and fenced-in yard to the right. The tree overlooks a small figure fishing in a river, where a Chinese junk floats. There are houses and hills in the distance. The central landscape is surrounded by three borders. The first is a series of blue lines creating a diamond, or lattice, pattern. This is surrounded by a border of geometric shapes interspersed with floral shapes, butterflies and diaper work patterns; this type of border is known as a "Fitzhugh" border. The "Fitzhugh" border is surrounded at the rim by a line of circles, each with a white center and blue dot inside. There is a large chip at the upper right rim. A green substance, perhaps paint, is adhered to small areas of the front and back of the rim near the chip.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (width x depth): 7 3/8 x 5 1/4in. (18.7 x 13.3cm)