

Basic Detail Report

Title Communion Cups

Date 1810-1820

Medium Cast pewter

Description Pair of cast pewter communion cups, or two-handled cups, part of a Communion service consisting of a pair of Communion cups (.1-.2), a pair of patens (.3-.4), and a flagon (.5). Each cup has a slightly flared rim and a cylindrical body. Each cup has two solid, cast handles that are soldered to opposite sides of the body; the ear-shaped handles consist of a large C-curve over a smaller, outward-facing C-curve that ends in a very small, curved terminal. Each cup has a raised band just above the bottom of the handle, and bold, tapered molding at the base. The underside of each cup has skimming marks. The cups are slightly tarnished. 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 handles x depth of each cup): 5 1/16 x 7 1/2 x 3 7/8in. (12.9 x 19.1 x 9.8cm)