

Basic Detail Report

Title Soup Tureen

Date about 1805-1815

Primary Maker Captain Ebenezer Hooker Mix

Medium Molded Chinese export porcelain with overglaze enamel and gilding

Description Chinese export porcelain soup tureen and lid, part of a dinner

service of which eighteen pieces survive: a soup tureen and tray, two platters,

one bowl, ten plates, and four soup plates. The entire set has a gilt and red

enamel border of undulating lines creating interlacing ovals at the rim. A

neoclassical pseudoarmorial device found on each piece in the set consists of a

red enamel and gilt shield and mantel, with the initials "SM" in the center. A few

of the pseudoarmorial devices show the remnants of a pale pink enamel used

for the background of the shield and mantel. Tureen (.a): Oval tureen with ogee

sides and applied handles bears two pseudoarmorial devices. Red enamel and

applied gilding decorates the joint between the applied handles and the body of

the tureen. A large chip has broken off of the foot of the tureen. Lid (.b): The

domed tureen lid also bears two pseudoarmorial devices, as well as a tall,

applied, bud-shaped finial. Red enamel and applied gilding decorates the joint

between the acorn finial and the body of the lid. Significant amounts of gilding

have worn off the finial.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x width x depth): 8 3/4 x 12

1/2 x 8 3/4in. (22.2 x 31.8 x 22.2cm)