

Basic Detail Report

Title Dish

Date mid 19th century

Primary Maker Unknown

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

Description Scalloped-edged, shallow, round, Chinese export porcelain dish

with hand-painted underglaze cobalt blue decoration showing a Chinese

landscape; the dish is a type of Chinese export porcelain known as Cantonware.

The central Chinese landscape consists of a willow tree and Chinese structure to the right. A river with a Chinese junk runs through the landscape, with a bridge in the foreground and houses, hills, and mountains in the distance. The central

landscape is surrounded by concentric borders. First there is a band of blue with

darker lines creating a diamond pattern inside. This border is surrounded by a field of white and then a "Canton" border, consisting of a scalloped line with

parallel lines of hatching running inside. The "Canton" border is surrounded by a

blue border, with darker lines creating a diamond pattern, along the scalloped rim of the dish. The sides of the dish are ribbed, and the outside is decorated

with three stylized clusters of flowers. Imperfections in the porcelain appear as

black dots in the surface of the dish.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x diameter): 2 1/8 x 9 1/2in. (5.4 x 24.1

cm)