

Basic Detail Report

Title Platter

Date mid 19th century

Primary Maker Unknown

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

Description Large, rectangular Chinese export porcelain platter with hand-painted underglaze cobalt blue decoration showing a Chinese landscape; the platter is a type of Chinese export porcelain known as Cantonware. The platter has a deep indentation at one end and shallow wells running the length of the platter, suggesting that this platter was used to serve fish or meat. The central Chinese landscape consists of a willow tree with a Chinese structure to the right. A Chinese junk is floating on the river that runs through the landscape, with a bridge in the foreground and mountains, houses, and trees in the distance. The central landscape is surrounded by a series of borders. First 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 another band of blue with dark lines creating stars inside. The platter rests on the deep well at one end and on two feet at the other. There is a chip and crack along the rim near the deep well.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 2 1/4 x 17 7/8 x 14 1/8 in. (5.7 x 45.4 x 35.9cm)