

Basic Detail Report

Title Platter

Date mid 19th century

Primary Maker Unknown

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

Description Oval, Chinese export porcelain platter with canted corners and hand-painted underglaze cobalt blue decoration showing a Chinese landscape; the platter is a type of Chinese export porcelain known as Cantonware. The central Chinese landscape consists of a willow tree in the center with a Chinese structure to the right. A Chinese junk floats on a river that runs through the landscape, with a bridge in the foreground and houses, hills, and trees in the distance. The central landscape is surrounded by a series of borders. First there is a band of blue with darker blue 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 darker lines creating a diamond pattern inside. Imperfections in the porcelain appear as black dots on the surface of the platter. There is one small chip at the top edge of the platter and two areas of dirt build-up in the center top and center bottom of the landscape.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (width x depth): 20 1/8 x 17 1/8in. (51.1 x 43.5 cm)