

Basic Detail Report

Title Case Bottle

Date 1800-1830

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Mold-blown and cut colorless non-lead glass with gilding

Description Mold-blown and cut colorless non-lead glass case bottle with an applied ring at the rim, a short cylindrical neck, curved shoulders, a rectangular body, and a pontil mark on the flat bottom. There is a ridge of glass surrounding the neck, formed by a second gather of glass added to the body of the case bottle using a technique known as the half-post method. Gilding was added at the shoulders. A border of small leaves circles the neck, and two larger flowers are located on either side. A slender gilded chain border follows the outline of the shoulders. The sides and edges of the case bottle have been cut to create flat, polished surfaces and canted corners and edges. However, the sides were not cut completely, and irregular areas of unpolished glass remain in the center of three of the sides. The interior of the neck was ground to receive a stopper (now missing). Nearly all of the gilding has worn off. There is a ring of light scratches and wear on the bottom of the case bottle. Pontil mark: A rough place on a blown glass object where the solid metal rod, or pontil, is cracked off the object after final shaping and decoration. Pontil marks can be polished to achieve a smooth surface.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 5 x 2 3/4 x 2 1/4in.

(12.7 x 7 x 5.7cm)