

Basic Detail Report

Title Chalices

Date 1730-1760

Primary Maker First Congregational Church of Groton

Medium Blown colorless lead glass

Description Pair of chalices, or goblets, made of blown colorless lead glass, each in the shape of a large wine glass. Each has a plain rim and cylindrical bowl, over a solid cylindrical stem, and a round foot with a pontil mark on the bottom. The edge of each foot has been folded under. Both chalices have a ring of light scratches around the bottom edge of the foot, as well as a cloudy appearance to the glass at the bowl. Chalice .b has a rectangular wove paper label adhered to the side. The paper has yellowed, and there is extensive ink hand-writing on the label. It reads, "Brought from England about/ the year A.D. 1690 by Rev./ Ephraim Woodbridge, and used/ in the administration of the/ Lords Supper by the first/ Congregational Church/ established in Groton". The same chalice has a small paper label adhered to the bottom, over the pontil mark. "Rhodes" is hand-written in black ink on the label. 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 diameter of each chalice): 7 1/2 x 3 5/8 in. (19.1 x 9.2cm)