

# Basic Detail Report

## Title Communion Cups

Date 1810-1820

Primary Maker Thomas Danforth Boardman and Sherman Boardman

Medium Cast pewter

Description Pair of cast pewter communion cups, or two-handled cups, part of a

Communion service consisting of a pair of Communion cups (.1-.2), a pair of

patens (.3-.4), and a flagon (.5). Each cup has a slightly flared rim and a

cylindrical body. Each cup has two solid, cast handles that are soldered to

opposite sides of the body; the ear-shaped handles consist of a large C-curve

over a smaller, outward-facing C-curve that ends in a very small, curved

terminal. Each cup has a raised band just above the bottom of the handle, and

bold, tapered molding at the base. The underside of each cup has skimming

marks. The cups are slightly tarnished. Skimming Marks: Skimming marks are

concentric rings left on cast pewter objects by skimming tools. Skimming is the

process of removing metal and smoothing rough surfaces by scraping the

pewter object as it rotates on a lathe.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including handles x depth of

each cup): 5 1/16 x 7 1/2 x 3 7/8in. (12.9 x 19.1 x 9.8cm)