

Basic Detail Report

Title Flagon

Date 1810-1820

Primary Maker Thomas Danforth Boardman and Sherman Boardman

Medium Cast pewter

Description Cast pewter flagon, part of a Communion service consisting of a pair of Communion cups (.1-.2), a pair of patens (.3-.4), and a flagon (.5). The flagon has a stepped-domed lid, with a tall, urn-shaped finial at the top, and a curved thumbpiece to one side. The lid is joined to the top of the handle with a hinge. The body of the flagon is cylindrical, with straight sides tapering slightly from bottom to top, over a flared base. A raised band of molding circles the body of the flagon at the top of the base. The band consists of a projecting curve with a fillet, or narrow flat section, above and below. At one side is an ear-shaped handle with a C-scroll at the bottom that extends into a curved terminal. A scallop with a drop is located at the top of the handle near the hinge. The exterior surface of the handle is flat, and the interior surface is rounded. Opposite the handle, a short, curved spout is soldered to the rim and upper body of the flagon. The spout is applied over several holes that are punched through the side of the flagon. The top of the spout is partially covered, leaving a circular opening for liquid to pour out of the flagon. Skimming marks are visible on the underside of the lid and the underside of the flagon. The flagon is tarnished lightly on the interior and the exterior. The outside of the flagon has many light scratches. Skimming Marks: Skimming marks are concentric rings left

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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 spout and handle x depth at base): 14 x 9 x 7 1/8in. (35.6 x 22.9 x 18.1cm)