

Basic Detail Report

Title Flagon

Date about 1861

Primary Maker Meriden Britannia Company

Medium Spun Britannia metal

Description Spun Britannia metal flagon, part of a Communion service

consisting of a flagon (.1) and two chalices (.2-.3). The flagon has a stepped,

conical lid with a hexagonal, pointed finial at the top. The lid is joined to the rim

of the flagon with a hinge. The body of the flagon is cylindrical, over a wide

flared base. A band of molding circles the body of the flagon just above 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 flat, heart-shaped terminal. The handle has a ridged outer

surface and a curved interior surface. It is soldered at the top and bottom to

projecting oval disks on the side of the flagon. Opposite the handle, a short,

lobed, curved spout is soldered to the rim and upper body of the flagon. The

spout is applied over one large hole that is punched through the side of the

flagon. The flagon is tarnished lightly on the exterior and has extensive

tarnishing on the interior. The flagon has many light scratches and small dents.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including spout and handle x

depth at base): 14 1/2 x 9 x 6 3/4in. (36.8 x 22.9 x 17.1cm)