

# Basic Detail Report

## Title Lidded Vegetable Dish

Date mid 19th century

Medium Drape-molded Chinese export porcelain with underglaze cobalt blue decoration and overglaze gilding

Description Rectangular, Chinese export porcelain lidded vegetable dish hand-painted in underglaze cobalt blue with a Chinese landscape; the vegetable dish is a type of Chinese export porcelain known as Cantonware. The landscape consists of a willow tree and Chinese structure to the right. A Chinese junk floats on the river that runs through the landscape, with a bridge in the foreground and hills, houses, and trees in the distance. Dish (.a): The landscape is hand-painted on the bottom of the inside of the dish, and then surrounded by several borders. First is a blue band with darker lines creating a diamond pattern inside. This is surrounded by a field of white and then a "Canton" border, consisting of a scalloped line with parallel lines of hatching running inside. The "Canton" border is surrounded by another band of blue with darker lines creating a diamond pattern inside. Four clusters of stylized flowers decorate the outside of the dish. A line of gilding has been applied to the outside of the rim and around the foot of the dish. Lid (.b): The landscape, hand-painted on the top of the lid, is surrounded by several borders. First is a field of white followed by a "Canton" border, consisting of a scalloped line with parallel lines of hatching running inside. The "Canton" border is then surrounded by a line of gilding, then a band of blue with darker lines creating a diamond pattern inside, then a second

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line of gilding at the rim of the lid. A molded and applied finial is located in the middle of the lid. Two spots of a white substance, perhaps paint, have adhered to the lid.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x width x depth):  $6 \frac{5}{8} \times 9 \frac{1}{8} \times 7 \frac{5}{8}$ in. (16.8 x 23.2 x 19.4cm)