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Title Lidded Vegetable Dish

Date late 18th-early 19th century

Primary Maker Unknown

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

Description Square, Chinese export porcelain lidded vegetable dish with hand-painted underglaze cobalt blue in the Fitzhugh pattern and overglaze gilding.

The Fitzhugh pattern consists of four groups of flowers spaced evenly around a circular central medallion. The central medallion is a circular floral arrangement surrounded by a blue border consisting of a band of blue with darker lines creating a diamond pattern inside. At four points, this border is interrupted by an area with a small white animal (possibly a dog). This is surrounded by a line of gilding, then a "Nanking" border, consisting of a series of lines alternating between a line with a dot at either end and a line with an arrowhead at one end.

The Fitzhugh pattern is found on the inside bottom of the dish (.a) and on the top of the lid (.b). In both places, it is surrounded by the same series of borders. First is a field of white followed by the "Nanking" border. This is surrounded at the rim of the dish and the lid by a line of gilding then a final band of blue with darker lines creating a diamond, or lattice, pattern inside. The dish has additional gilding at the outside of the rim, as well as another series of borders going down the side. The first is a band of blue with darker lines creating a diamond, or lattice, pattern inside. Then is a line of gilding followed by the

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"Nanking" border. The sides of the dish are left white, with a small line of blue and another line of gilding at the foot of the dish. The lid of the dish has an oval-shaped, molded and applied finial with additional gilding. Imperfections in the porcelain appear as black dots on the surface of the dish and lid. The inside of the lid shows a yellow discoloration under the glaze. The gilding has worn considerably at the rim of the lid and at the rim and foot of the dish.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x width x depth): $5 \frac{3}{8} \times 9 \frac{1}{2} \times 8 \frac{1}{4}$ in. (13.7 x 24.1 x 21cm)