

Basic Detail Report

Title Mugs

Date made 1780-1785, dated 1776

Primary Maker Frederick Bassett

Medium Cast pewter

Description Group of three cast pewter pint mugs, part of a pewter Communion service consisting of a flagon (.1), three mugs (.2.1-.3), a baptismal basin (.3), and two patens (.4-.5). Each mug has a cylindrical body with straight, tapered sides.

Each mug has a cast handle that is soldered onto the body; the S-curve handle has a small tab on top, filing marks on the inside, and a rounded terminal.

Opposite the handle is an engraved inscription that reads, "LIEUT URIEL

HOLMES'S/ Gift to/ HARTLAND CHURCH". Each mug has a two plain, raised

bands: one at the rim and another one-third down the body. Each mug has

tapered molding around the base. The underside of each mug has skimming

marks. Mug .1 is well polished, while mugs .2 and .3 are tarnished. Each mug has

light scratches. Mugs .2 and .3 each have dents on the body. Mug .3 has a bowed

bottom. 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 handle x depth): 4 3/4

x 5 1/2 x 3 13/16in. (12.1 x 14 x 9.7cm)