

Basic Detail Report



Title Flagons

Date about 1770

Primary Maker Samuel Minott

Medium Raised and cast silver

Description Pair of raised and cast silver flagons, part of a Communion service consisting of two flagons (1912.3.0.1-.2), six Communion cups (1912.3.0.3-.8),

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and a baptismal bowl (1949.14.0). Each flagon has a stepped-domed lid, with a

tall finial containing two discs 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 each flagon is

cylindrical, with straight sides that taper from bottom to top, over a flared base.

The lid and body of the flagon are raised; there is a centerpunch on the

underside of the body. Around two points on the body, one just below the rim

and one where the body meets the base, are two projecting bands of molding.

Each band consists of two fillets, or flat areas, separated by a projecting half

circle. At one side of the flagon is an ear-shaped handle with an oval disc applied

to a curved terminal. A small raised oval 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. The finial, handle, bands of molding, and base are cast and soldered to

the flagon. Opposite the handle, the body of the flagon is engraved, "The Gift of/

David & Hannah Day/ to the 2d Church of Christ/ IN/ COLCHESTER." This is

surrounded by a round wreath of scrolls and leaves. Each flagon is lightly

scratched, with very few small dents. Centerpunch: A centerpunch is a small,

recessed point made as the first step of a technique called raising, used to make

silver hollowware. The silversmith marks the center of a silver disc with a punch,

or centerpunch. Working out from that center point, the silversmith beats the

silver disc with a hammer to form the shape of the finished object.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including handle x depth of

flagon .1): 13 1/2 x 10 x 7 9/16in. (34.3 x 25.4 x 19.2cm) Primary Dimensions

(height x width including handle x depth of flagon .2): 13 1/8 x 10 x 7 1/2in. (33.3

x 25.4 x 19.1cm)