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Title Decanters with Stoppers

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Date 1820-1840

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Blown three-mold colorless lead glass

Description Two blown three-mold colorless lead glass decanters and stoppers.

Each decanter (.a) has a flared lip, an inverted conical ribbed neck, a baluster-

shaped body, and a flat rayed bottom with a pontil mark in the center. Each

decanter was formed by blowing glass into a three-part mold with a raised

geometric "sunburst" motif, in this case consisting of vertical ribs at the neck,

diagonal ribs at the shoulder, a band of diamond diapering, then a band of

square diamonds with sunbursts inside circling each decanter. Finally, the lower

portion of the sides of each decanter is ribbed; these ribs continue onto the

bottom of each decanter to circle the pontil mark in the center. There is a small

hole, or puncture, in the side of decanter .1a at the shoulder. There are light

scratches on the inside of the neck of both decanters. Additional lead glass was

added to the flared rim of decanter .2a, perhaps at the time of manufacture.

Each stopper (.b) consists of a globular finial above a tapered portion that fits

into the neck of the decanter; the tapered portion of stopper .2b is ground glass.

Each finial is decorated with a raised pattern of ribs above and below a band of

diamond diapering. The very bottom of stopper .2b was removed or broke off.

Pontil mark: A rough place on a blown glass object where the solid metal rod, or

pontil, is cracked off the object after final shaping and decoration. Pontil marks

can be polished to achieve a smooth surface.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including stopper x diameter of .1a,b):

10 x 4in. (25.4 x 10.2cm) Primary Dimensions (height including stopper x

diameter of .2a,b): 10 1/2 x 4 1/2in. (26.7 x 11.4cm)