Basic Detail Report



Title Soup Plates

Date about 1805-1815

Primary Maker Captain Ebenezer Hooker Mix

Medium Wheel-thrown Chinese export porcelain with overglaze enamel and gilding

Description Four round Chinese export porcelain soup plates, part of a dinner service of which eighteen pieces survive: a soup tureen and tray, two platters, one bowl, ten plates, and four soup plates. The entire set has a gilt and red enamel border of undulating lines creating interlacing ovals at the rim. A neoclassical pseudoarmorial device found on each piece in the set consists of a red enamel and gilt shield and mantel, with the initials "SM" in the center. A few of the pseudoarmorial devices show the remnants of a pale pink enamel used for the background of the shield and mantel. All of the soup plates have varying

degrees of wear on the gilded pseudoarmorial device decorating the center of each plate and on the gilt and red enamel border on each rim. Black dots and lines on the surfaces of the soup plates indicate imperfections in the porcelain.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x diameter of each plate): 1 1/2 x 10 3/4in. (3.8 x 27.3cm)