Basic Detail Report



Title Tumbler

Date 1780-1820

Primary Maker Asenath Carter

Medium Blown and engraved colorless non-lead glass

Basic Detail Report

Description Blown and engraved colorless non-lead glass tumbler. The tumbler has a plain rim, tapered sides, and a shallow kick and a pontil mark on the bottom. The lower sides of the tumbler were formed in a pattern mold and have wide flutes. A wheel-engraved border circles the tumbler just below the rim. The engraving starts at the rim with an undulating line, followed by a straight line below. Below this is the vesica pattern, consisting of wide quarter circles superimposed over each other; the spaces created by the quarter circles are engraved, either with cross hatching or with a small stylized flower. There are a few small air bubbles and seeds, or unvitrified matter, in the glass. There are a ring of wax and a ring of light scratches and wear on the bottom edges of the tumbler. Kick: An indentation in the bottom of a drinking glass, bottle, or other glass object. 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.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x diameter): 6 1/8 x 4 1/2in. (15.6 x 11.4 cm)