

# Basic Detail Report



## Title Mug

Date about 1710, engraving added 1727

Primary Maker William Cowell Sr.

Medium Raised and cast silver

Description Silver mug that was used as part of a Communion service. The mug has a cylindrical body with straight tapered sides, and molding at the rim and foot. A raised band circles the body of the mug, about two inches below the rim.

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The mug has an ear-shaped handle with a flattened top surface and a tapered terminal. Opposite the handle is an engraved inscription that reads, "George C. Bradford". The underside of the mug has an engraved inscription that reads, "Ex dono A W to the first/ Church of Christ/ in Hartford/ 1727". The body of the mug is raised; there is a centerpunch on the underside of the body. The handle and the molding at the foot are cast and soldered to the body. The exterior of the mug is lightly scratched and has a 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.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width with handle x depth): 5 1/8 x 5 5/8 x 4 3/8 in. (13 x 14.3 x 11.1 cm)