

Basic Detail Report



Presentation Ewer

Date

1859

Medium

Silver

Description

Bulbous silver vase-shaped ewer with cast double C-shaped handle and scalloped rim with flared, curving mouth, all on pedestal with short, narrow neck and round, domed base. Foliage at top and bottom of cast handle, additional cast foliage applied around rim. Repeating pattern of engraved, dashed curving lines around top portion near mouth, above repousse and chased ornament all around middle and bottom. On one side, a cartouche framed with foliage, bayonets, and American flags is topped by an eagle, all over cannons, cannonballs, and other weaponry. Flowers curve over the cartouche

and around the handle. On the other, a vine of grapes extends over an architectural folly, with three Temple of the Winds columns topped by a curve engraved with "CONSTITUTION." Banners across the columns are engraved with "JUSTICE" in the center and "UNDER NATION" on the right. A house occupies the space between the left and center column, and figure holding a sword occupies the space on the right. The base is encircled with repousse and chased flowers and fruit.

Dimensions

13 × 8 3/4 × 4 13/16 inches (33 × 22.2 × 12.2 cm)