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Guide to MS 7418 Chinese painting on silk, circa 1850

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 7418 Chinese painting on silk
Date:	circa 1850
Identifier:	NAA.MS7418
Extent:	1 Item (painting on silk, backed by paper; 17.5 x 17.5 inches)
Language:	No linguistic content; Not applicable .
Digital Content:	Image(s): Cover of shawl box
Container:	Folder 7418

Administrative Information

Provenance

Gift of Gertrude C. Park, October 30, 1947. Said by donor to have come from China in 1850. The collection was transferred from the object collections of the Department of Anthropology to the National Anthropological Archives by Chang-su Houchins, July 1986.

Processing Information

Information furnished by Emily Hoover, summer volunteer, Department of Anthropology, 1986.

Preferred Citation

MS 7418 Chinese painting on silk, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of one (1) painting on silk by an unknown artist. It may have originally been the cover of a shawl box. The painting depicts a bird, possibly a magpie, surrounded by red and orange peonies and green leaves, all surrounded by a brilliant blue square bank of leaves with a peony in each corner. The painting is bordered by an embroidered band of stylized floral designs in red silk.

Please note that the contents of the collection and the language and terminology used reflect the context and culture of the time of its creation. As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary views and terminology and considered offensive today. The information within this collection does not reflect

the views of the Smithsonian Institution or National Anthropological Archives, but is available in its original form to facilitate research.

Local Numbers

NAA MS 7418

NAA INV 10000079

USNM Accession 177182

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Variant Title

Cover of a shawl box

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Chinese

Cultures:

Chinese

Types of Materials:

Paintings

Textiles

Works of art

Places:

China

East Asia