



Snuff bottle with scene of the Jintian Uprising

Date

19th century

Medium

Inside-painted crystal glass and spinach jade stopper

Description

Glass tapered flat spade-shaped bottle on a recessed base. The stopper is a spinach jade. The front depicts the story of “Jintian Uprising” – an armed revolt formally declared by Hong Xiuquan on Jan. 11, 1851 during the late Qing Dynasty; the uprising was named after Jingtian where the revolt took place. It was the beginning of “Taiping (as shown on the flag) Uprising”. The reverse side depicts a gnarled branch with two white orchids.

Dimensions

Overall: 2 5/8 × 1 3/4 × 11/16 inches (6.7 × 4.4 × 1.7 cm)