Primary Maker: Beekman Family
Title: Beekman Family coach
Date: ca. 1770
Medium: Wood (ash and spruce by analysis), iron, leather
Dimensions: Overall: 8 ft. 2 in. × 13 ft. 5 in. × 52 in. (248.9 cm × 4 m 8.9 cm × 132.1 cm)
Credit Line: Gift of Gerard Beekman
Object Number: 1911.25

Object Name: Coach
Classification: TRANSPORTATION TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

Curatorial Remarks:
With its luxurious enclosed body and accommodation for liveried driver and footman, the horse-drawn coach was the prestige vehicle of the eighteenth century. New York merchant James Beekman acquired this coach in 1771. It was the crown jewel in his fleet of carriages that already included a chaise, chariot, and phaeton. Beekman's account book records that he purchased the coach for £138, and made additional expenditures for painting the family arms on the doors and varnishing the surface.

Physical Description:
Door panels and the front and the rear of the body bear the Beekman coat-of-arms.