Primary Maker: Unidentified maker
Title: Railing from Federal Hall
Date: 1788–1789
Medium: Iron, paint
Dimensions: Overall: 1 3/4 in. × 37 9/16 in. × 70 in. (4.4 × 95.4 × 177.8 cm)
Credit Line: Gift of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York
Object Number: 1884.3

Object Name: Balustrade railing section
Classification: ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES

Curatorial Remarks:
This is the center section of the balcony railing of Federal Hall, where Washington was inaugurated as first President of the U.S. on April 30, 1789. The railing was removed when Federal Hall was demolished in 1812 and incorporated into a portico on the Administrative Building at Bellevue Hospital. It was removed in 1883, and presented to the N-YHS the following year.

Physical Description:
Wrought iron railing from Federal Hall, New York City; rectangular section with molded upper rail above band of circles with foliate scrolls surrounding central cartouche with fan of thirteen arrows above band of ovals above square base rail; remains of yellow-gold paint; currently mounted on a later oak base.