

Chatelaine or necklace in gold, enamel and pearls, late 18th century

Chatelaine composed of gold overlaid with royal blue enamel. Two gold link chains are each decorated with pearls. These two chains are attached to an enameled rectangular medaillon that is embellished with pearls gold "paillon". Below this medaillon hang two pompoms of enameled gold chains with pearls. During the 18th century, this type of chatelaine was worn on the front of a dress and did not necessarily have a watch attached but was rather a fashion accessory. A woman may have worn multiple chatelaines, as evidenced by Adolf Ulrik Wertmüller's portrait, Queen Marie Antoinette of France and two of her Children Walking in The Park of Trianon, 1785. However, a watch could also be attached to the upper loop. Today this chatelaine can be worn as a necklace. Late 18th century work. Some wears.

Era: late 18th century.

Materails: gold, enamel.

Weight: 1.32 oz (37.7 gr)

Dim: Length: 10.23 in. with the pompoms.

Gold marks: eagle head.