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Title Tea Bowls

Date 1816-1830

Primary Maker Andrew Stevenson

Medium Mechanically-molded buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze and underglaze cobalt blue decoration

Description Group of five round tea bowls of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. Each tea bowl is decorated with the same transfer-printed underglaze cobalt blue pattern, titled, "State House Hartford" on the bottom. The pattern shows a neoclassical, or Federal style, building. The building sits on a tall, stone first floor, with two brick storeys above it. The structure has a projecting portico with six columns, a balustrade, and four chimneys emerging from the roof. There are two tall trees

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on either side of the building and a fence in the background. A man with a cane

or walking stick is standing on the lawn in front of the building. The pattern is

printed twice on the outside of each tea bowl. Between the patterns, on the

outside of each tea bowl, various leaves and flowers are printed on a dark blue

field. There is a white, narrow scalloped line at the outer and inner edges of the

rim. A border is printed beneath this on the inside edge of the rim. The border

consists of various flowers and leaves on a blue background. A circular pattern

of a white flower on a dark blue field is printed on the inside bottom of each tea

bowl. Tea bowl .1 has a white, rectangular sticker adhered to the bottom with

the number "234" printed in black ink. Tea bowl .2 has overall crazing and light

brown discoloration. Tea bowl .3 has multiple chips to the foot which have

acquired dirt, as well as light scratches on the inside surfaces. Tea bowl .4 has

one chip on the foot and overall crazing and slight discoloration. Tea bowl .5 has

crazing and spots of discoloration over all the surfaces.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x diameter .1): 2 1/4 x 3 5/8in. (5.7 x 9.2

cm) Primary Dimensions (height x diameter .2 and .3): 2 1/4 x 3 11/16in. (5.7 x 9.4

cm) Primary Dimensions (height x diameter .4 and .5): 2 1/4 x 3 1/2in. (5.7 x 8.9

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