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Title Lid

Date about 1845

Primary Maker William Davenport & Company

Medium Mechanically-molded buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, black underglaze decoration, and overglaze enamels in orange, yellow, pink, and green

Description Large, round, buff-colored earthenware lid with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The lid is part of a larger partial toilet set, consisting of a washbowl (.1) and pitcher (.2), two matching pitchers (.3 and .4), a shaving mug (.5), a soap dish (.6a-c), a toothbrush holder or razor box (.7a,b),

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and a lid (.8). The entire set is decorated with a floral pattern and border. The naturalistic floral pattern consists of variously sized flowers transfer-printed in black beneath the glaze, with green, pink, and light orange enamel highlights hand-painted over the glaze. The remaining decoration consists of a scalloped border made up of a printed, underglaze, black, scalloped band, next to an overglaze, hand-painted, orange, scalloped band. This orange and black border is interrupted periodically by a group of elaborate scrolls of various sizes and widths and highlighted in green enamel. The scrolls surround a roughly diamond-shaped, scalloped-edge decorative element that is painted with light orange enamel. Finally, on all the objects in the set, the blue-tinted glaze has pooled around the printed decorative elements and raised or recessed portions of the ceramic's surface, giving the set a pearly blue and white appearance. The lid follows a similar pattern of decoration with the orange and black border at the rim. Groups of flowers are printed and hand-painted between the scrolls and orange decorative elements on the border. A group of two large flowers surrounded by smaller pink and orange flowers is located in the center of the domed lid. The large flowers are painted yellow and pink, with green leaves. A circular finial is located in the center of the lid. The finial has a small floral arrangement printed and hand-painted on top. The top of the lid bears several scratches and one lengthy hairline crack running from the rim to the center.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (diameter): 9in. (22.9cm)