

Basic Detail Report



Title Saucers

Date about 1820

Primary Maker Mary Gorton Keeney

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

Description Two round saucers of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The saucers are part of a partial tea service consisting of a teapot (.1a,b), lidded sugar bowl (.2a,b), cream pitcher (.3), two tea bowls (.4 and .5), and two saucers (.6 and .7). All of the pieces in the set have the same transfer-printed underglaze cobalt blue pattern and border.

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The pattern shows a boy sitting beneath a tree to the right. He is playing a wind instrument, probably a flute, and looking out over a small lake in the foreground. Behind the lake is a small hill with at least one grazing sheep, and possibly two. A house with a tower sits on a tree-topped hill in the distance. The pattern is surrounded by foliage and a scalloped line on top, and a line of leaves on the bottom. The border, found on all the pieces in the set, has circles and squares superimposed on a blue field. The geometric shapes are filled with flowers and smaller geometric patterns. Abstract flowers, fruit, and leaves are located throughout the blue field. The relatively deep saucers are each decorated in the center with a circular version of the pattern described above. This is surrounded at the rim by the border. Both saucers have one small chip in the foot.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (diameter of each saucer): 5 5/8in. (14.3cm)