

Title Bread-and-butter Plates

Date 1961-1962

Primary Maker Josiah Wedgwood & Sons, Ltd.

Medium Mechanically-molded cream-colored earthenware with underglaze red decoration

Description Group of six cream-colored earthenware bread-and-butter plates, a type of ceramic known as creamware. These plates are part of a larger group of tea and dinner wares consisting of one creamer (.1), a lidded sugar bowl (.2a-b), four teacups (.3-.6), six saucers (.7-.12), six bread-and-butter plates (.13-.18), seven dinner plates (.19-.25) and six smaller plates (.26-.31). The group of tea

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and dinner wares is decorated with the same red, underglaze, transfer-printed elements, generally a pattern and border. The pattern consists of a branch containing several of the same kind of flower, the mountain laurel. The border consists of a trailing vine with leaves, interrupted periodically by a cluster of five of these same flowers. Various ceramics in the set are decorated with a shield containing three vines on three trellises. Each of the six round bread-and-butter plates has a narrow undulating rim. Each is decorated in the center with the pattern of flowers, and is surrounded by the flower and vine border at the rim. At the top of the rim, the border is interrupted by a shield containing three grapevines. At the bottom of the rim, the border is interrupted by a shield containing the top of a Gothic-style tower. The surface of the each bread-andbutter plate is lightly scratched. Plate (.13) has one small chip in the rim. Plate (. 14) has three chips in the rim. Plate (.15) has one chip in the rim. Plate (.17) has one chip on the underside of the rim.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (diameter): 6 1/8in. (15.6cm)