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Title Lidded Sugar Bowl

Date 1855-1875

Primary Maker Frances Caroline Adams

Medium Cast porcelain with overglaze gilding and enamels in pink, green, purple, and blue

Description Round porcelain sugar bowl and lid with gilding and hand-painted enamels in pink, green, purple and blue. The sugar bowl is part of a partial set of teawares, consisting of a teapot (.1a,b), a lidded sugar bowl (.2a,b), a cream

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pitcher (.3), a slop bowl (.4), two cake plates (.5 and .6), nine plates (.7-.15), eight teacups (.16a-.23a) and eight saucers (.16b-.23b). The entire set is decorated with a naturalistic printed and hand-painted enamel border. The border consists of a green vine with large and small pink flowers and buds. The vine is highlighted with purple enamel and green leaves. The center of the large flowers are delineated with blue dots arranged in a semi-circle. The handles and spouts in this set, not found on every object, are in the shape of branches or acorns. The intersection of spouts, handles, and the body of the ceramic are decorated with raised and gilded leaves, probably oak leaves. The entire set is also decorated with bands of gilding at the rim and feet. Sugar Bowl (.2a): The sugar bowl has a circular foot, swelled sides, a gradually tapered neck, and a slightly flared rim. There are two gilded handles located on opposite sides of the sugar bowl, directly over two mold lines. The shape of the handles suggests branches. Leaves, highlighted in gilding, decorate the junction between the handle and the sugar bowl. The border of pink flowers on a green vine circles the widest point of the teapot, and there are additional bands of gilding at the neck and rim. The gilding at the neck and rim are worn, as is the gilding on the handles. Lid (.2b): The lid is circular and domed, with a gilded finial in the shape of acorns on a branch applied to the top. Gilding in the shape of leaves circle the handle. The border of pink flowers on a green vine circles the rim of the lid. There is a large chip in the rim, that has been partially overpainted with a blue substance.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x width x depth): 7 x 5 x 3 3/4in. (17.8 x 12.7 x 9.5cm)