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Title Plate

Date 1824-1830

Primary Maker James & Ralph Clews

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

Description Round, buff-colored earthenware plate with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The plate has a scalloped rim, with raised decoration reflecting the appearance of the edge of a shell. The center of the plate is decorated with an oval transfer-printed pattern containing the bust of a man in a military uniform. Above the bust, as part of the border, are the words,

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"WELCOME LA FAYETTE THE NATIONS GUEST. AND OUR COUNTRY'S GLORY."

Much of the rest of the plate is left plain, with the exception of hand-painted cobalt blue decoration at the shell-edge rim. The plate has undergone extensive conservation to the lower right of the bust. It would seem that a meandering crack developed at the rim, which was repaired using staples that were imbedded into the surface of the ceramic. The surface was then smoothed using a liberally-applied yellow substance. Portions of the blue shell-edge rim were repainted blue.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (diameter): 9 7/8in. (25.1cm)