

Basic Detail Report

Title Teapot

Date 1834-1852

Primary Maker Isaac C. Lewis

Medium Cast Britannia metal

Description Cast Britannia metal teapot with a domed lid with a small, disc-shaped finial. The lid sits down inside the neck of the teapot; it attaches to the neck with a hinge at one side, but it has become detached. The teapot has a flared rim, a narrow neck, a compressed, ball-shaped body, and a flared foot. The teapot is decorated with three incised lines at the base of the neck, two pairs of incised lines on the body, and three incised lines at the top of the foot. At one side is a cast, angular, ear-shaped handle. At each end of the handle, a short cylinder attaches it to the body of the teapot. Opposite the handle is a short, S-shaped spout. The spout is soldered to the body over several holes that are punched through the side of the teapot. This is an inverted-mold teapot; the upper and lower halves were cast in the same mold, then soldered together at the widest part of the body. The lid, bottom, spout, and handle were then soldered to the teapot. Skimming marks are visible on the underside of the lid. The lid is separated from the neck of the teapot. The teapot is tarnished and lightly scratched. Skimming Marks: Skimming marks are concentric rings left on cast objects by skimming tools. Skimming is the process of removing metal and smoothing rough surfaces by scraping the object as it rotates on a lathe.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including spout and handle x

depth at middle): 7 1/2 x 10 7/8 x 6 1/8in. (19.1 x 27.6 x 15.6cm)