

Basic Detail Report

Title Teapot

Date 1808-1830

Primary Maker Ashbil Griswold

Medium Cast pewter

Description Cast pewter teapot with a domed lid with a small finial. A hinge at one side attaches the lid to the body. The lid covers the top of the flared rim of the teapot. The teapot has a narrow neck, a compressed, ball-shaped body, and a flared foot. The teapot is decorated with a pair of incised lines around the widest part of the body and multiple incised lines on the foot. At one side is an 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 an S-shaped spout. The spout is joined 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 body. Skimming marks are visible on the underside of the lid and on the interior and the underside of the teapot. The teapot is scratched, it has one dent on the body, and it is lightly tarnished. Skimming Marks: Skimming marks are concentric rings left on cast pewter objects by skimming tools. Skimming is the process of removing metal and smoothing rough surfaces by scraping the pewter 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 7/8 x 9 3/4 x 6 1/16in. (20 x 24.8 x 15.4cm)