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Title Tea Bowls

Date about 1840

Primary Maker Enoch Wood & Sons

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

Description Group of five round tea bowls made of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The tea bowls are decorated with a transfer-printed underglaze cobalt blue pattern and border. The pattern, printed twice on the outside of each tea bowl, shows three people in a sailboat with a single mast and sail on a body of water. Two more individuals are standing and one is sitting on the shore in the near foreground. Beyond the river, a building sits on a shore at the base of a mountain. A

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crenellated tower is at the top of the mountain. The printed patterns are

surrounded by a border of white shells and light blue plants on a field of dark

blue. There is an additional border at the rim of each tea bowl, consisting of a

line of evenly spaced, small, white flowers. The shell border is printed again on

the inside rim of each tea bowl. A small, transfer-printed pattern on the inside

bottom of each tea bowl shows the same tower and a portion of the wooded

mountain described above. Four of the five tea bowls, .19 to .22, have clear, crisp

images with excellent definition between the various shades of blue. One tea

bowl, .18, is printed with a darker blue and has smudges in the underglaze

transfer-printed pattern and borders. All of the tea bowls have crazing, however .

18 has less crazing than the others. Tea bowls .20 and .22 have discolored,

especially on the inside of .22.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x diameter of .18): 2 1/2 x 3 3/4in. (6.4 x

9.5cm) Primary Dimensions (height x diameter of .19-.22): 2 1/2 x 3 1/2in. (6.4 x

8.9cm)