

Basic Detail Report

Title Saucer

Date 1816-1830

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

Description Round saucer of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The saucer is decorated with a transfer-printed underglaze cobalt blue pattern titled, "State House Hartford" on the back. The pattern shows a neoclassical, or Federal style, building. The building sits on a tall, stone first floor, with two brick storeys above it. The structure has a projecting portico with six columns, a balustrade, and four chimneys emerging from the roof. There are two tall trees on either side of the building and a fence in the background. A man with a cane or walking stick is standing on the lawn in front of the building. The pattern is surrounded by a narrow, white, scalloped line, then a border that covers the rim. This border has various flowers and leaves on a blue background, that fades from dark blue at the outer edge of the border to light blue at the inner edge of the border. There is a final line of small white geometric shapes at the outer edge of the rim. All of the surfaces of the saucer are crazing, which has resulted in some yellow and brown discoloration. There is a short crack in the rim that runs toward the center, and an irregular line of an unknown brown substance which has adhered to the bottom of the saucer.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (diameter): 5 1/2in. (14cm)