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Title Saucers

Date 1816-1830

Primary Maker Andrew Stevenson

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

Description Group of five round saucers of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. Each 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

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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. Not all

of the saucers are exactly the same shape, although each fits the same general

description. Saucer .3 has a deeper curve to the rim, while saucer .2 is smaller

and more shallow than the rest. Each saucer has light scratches on the surface of

the glaze. All but one of the saucers have crazing; the exception is saucer .2.

Saucers .3, .4, and .5 have a yellow discoloration. There is a small, oval, yellow

sticker with the number "3" printed in black ink that is adhered to the surface of

saucer .4.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (diameter .1): 5 3/8in. (13.7cm) Primary

Dimensions (diameter .2): 5 1/4in. (13.3cm) Primary Dimensions (diameter .3-.5):

5 1/2in. (14cm)