

Basic Detail Report



Title Mug

Date 1790-1820

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Wheel-thrown cream-colored earthenware with maroon underglaze decoration

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Description Cylindrical mug of cream-colored earthenware, a type of ceramic

known as creamware. The mug has a flat bottom, vertical sides, and a pulled

and applied handle opposite an underglaze transfer-printed maroon design. An

oval scene appears below the words "BY VIRTUE AND VALOUR, WE HAVE FREED

OUR COUNTRY,/ EXTENDED OUR COMMERCE, AND LAID/ THE FOUNDATION OF A

GREAT EMPIRE." The oval scene shows a man in late eighteenth- or early

nineteenth-century military uniform, holding a sword, and standing on the body

of a lion. A ship floats in a harbor in the background on the right, and there is a

small town on the far shore. Three soldiers stand at attention in the background

on the left. The oval is surrounded by a relatively plain border with a few motifs

representing liberty emerging from the top edge. These motifs include a liberty

cap, trumpet, flag, rifle, and a spear. From below the oval, two wreaths curve up

around the oval. A small pile of ordinance---cannons, cannon balls, and a barrel

of powder---appear where the two wreaths meet. There are many small spots of

discoloration or dirt on the rough glaze on the handle and on the rim

immediately surrounding the handle.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including handle x depth): 4 7/8

x 4 3/4 x 3 1/2in. (12.4 x 12.1 x 8.9cm)