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Title Teapot

Date about 1820

Primary Maker Staffordshire potteries

Medium Mold-formed buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze and underglaze cobalt blue decoration

Description Rectangular teapot of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The teapot is part of a partial tea service consisting of a teapot (.1a,b), lidded sugar bowl (.2a,b), cream pitcher (.3), two tea bowls (.4 and .5), and two saucers (.6 and .7). All of the pieces in the set have the same transfer-printed underglaze cobalt blue pattern and border. The pattern shows a boy sitting beneath a tree to the right. He is playing a wind instrument, probably a flute, and looking out over a small lake in the foreground. Behind the lake is a small hill with at least one grazing sheep, and

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possibly two. A house with a tower sits on a tree-topped hill in the distance. The

pattern is surrounded by foliage and a scalloped line on top, and a line of leaves

on the bottom. The border, found on all the pieces in the set, has circles and

squares superimposed on a blue field. The geometric shapes are filled with

flowers and smaller geometric patterns. Abstract flowers, fruit, and leaves are

located throughout the blue field. Teapot (.1a): The teapot swells from a

rectangular foot with curved corners to a wide middle, narrows below the neck,

swells again just below the rim, and has a small ledge where the lid rests inside

the rim. A molded handle and spout are applied over the two mold lines on

opposite sides of the teapot. The pattern is printed once on each long side of the

teapot, and the border is printed just outside the rim. The handle and spout are

decorated with various flowers and geometric shapes printed on a blue field.

There is light crazing over all the surfaces of the teapot. Lid (.1b): The

rectangular lid has a small, rectangular molded finial applied to the slightly

domed center. The border is printed around the edge of the lid, and on the top

of the finial as well. There is a small hole pierced through the lid to one side of

the finial. The inside of the lid has a ledge circling three quarters of the rim.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x width x depth): 8 7/8 x 5 1

/4 x 5in. (22.5 x 13.3 x 12.7cm)