

Basic Detail Report

Title Teapot

Date 1820-1830

Primary Maker Thomas Danforth Boardman and Sherman Boardman

Medium Cast Britannia metal

Description Cast Britannia metal teapot with a domed lid with a small finial. The lid covers the top of the teapot, and a hinge at one side joins it to the rim. The teapot has a narrow neck, a barrel-shaped body, a narrow ankle, and a flared foot. At one side is an angular, ear-shaped handle with a scroll at the top. At each end of the handle, a short cylinder attaches it to the body of the teapot. Opposite the handle is an S-shaped spout. The spout is joined to the body over several holes that are punched through the side of the teapot. This is an inverted-mold teapot; the upper and lower halves of the body were cast in the same mold, then soldered together at the widest part. The lid, bottom, spout, and handle are then soldered separately to the body of the teapot. The joint where the bottom of the teapot joins the foot is roughly finished. Skimming marks are visible on the underside of the lid, on the interior of the body, and on the underside. There are two dents on the body and one on the spout. The teapot is lightly tarnished. Skimming Marks: Skimming marks are concentric rings left on cast objects by skimming tools. Skimming is the process of removing metal and smoothing rough surfaces by scraping the object as it rotates on a lathe.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including spout and handle x

depth at middle): 7 7/8 x 10 x 5 1/4in. (20 x 25.4 x 13.3cm)