

Basic Detail Report

Title Teacup Saucers

Date 1820-1840

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Mold-formed porcelain with gilding

Description Group of eight round porcelain teacup saucers with gilded decoration, part of a larger partial tea and coffee set of gilded porcelain consisting of one coffee cup, nine teacups, eight teacup saucers, and six coffee cup saucers. In general, the pieces of the partial set are decorated with a wide band of gilding at the rim and a gilded border below. The border consists of an undulating vine with leaves placed in the depressions of the vine, and clusters of grapes under the raised portions of the vine. This group of eight saucers follows the above described pattern of decoration, with an additional gilded decoration in the center, consisting of a wide circular band of gilding surrounded by a narrow band of gilding. In this partial set, the coffee cup saucers (.11-.16) are different from the teacup saucers (.17-.24) in that the coffee cup saucers have a flat bottom and straight sides that form a 45 degree angle to the bottom of the saucer. On the teacup saucers, the sides slope gently up to the rim. All of the saucers show some wear to the gilded decoration, with saucers .17, .18, .19., .20, .23, and .24 being the most worn. One saucer (.18) has an additional small buildup of an unknown substance near the rim and a fine hairline crack visible only on the bottom. Another saucer (.20) has a similar crack on the bottom, and the beginnings of a small crack or crazing visible on the top surface.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (diameter of each saucer): 5in. (12.7cm)