

Basic Detail Report

Title Sauce Tureen

Date about 1820

Primary Maker Staffordshire potteries

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

Description Rectangular, buff-colored earthenware sauce tureen with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The sauce tureen (.a) has an underglaze cobalt blue transfer-printed pattern known as "Grazing Rabbits." The pattern, found on each side of the outside of the tureen and the top of the lid, shows three rabbits grazing beneath a tree in a rural landscape. There are additional large flowers beneath the tree, and a farm in the left distance. A variation of this pattern is printed on the inside of the tureen, showing a smaller landscape with only one rabbit beneath the tree. A border, found at the foot of the tureen, on the inside rim of the tureen, and on the rim of the lid (.b), consists of small flowers on a blue field. Two handles, each in the shape of a lion's head, have been molded and applied to the sauce tureen. A finial, also in the shape of a lion's head, has also been applied to the lid. Additionally, the lid has a small semi-circular opening to allow a spoon to rest in the tureen. A crack begins on the lid at this opening and extends toward the finial. There is some crazing over all the surfaces of the tureen and lid.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x width x depth): 4 3/4 x 8 x 4 1/4in. (12.1 x 20.3 x 10.8cm)