

Basic Detail Report

Title Tray

Date 1834-1859

Primary Maker Podmore, Walker & Co.

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

Description Small, rectangular tray of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The tray is decorated with a transfer-printed pattern in the center, surrounded by a border at the wide rim. The pattern shows an idealized Italian-influenced landscape with statues in a fountain in front of a tree to the right. Two men and a woman wearing nineteenth-century costume are standing to the left of this fountain. There is a large building on a hill to the left, and mountains in the background. Another couple are walking near a fountain in the left middle distance. The border divides the rim into eight panels, each with a blue background. The panels alternate between light and dark flowers inside a small border of scrolls. Finally, the tray has molded imitation handles that have been hand-painted with underglaze cobalt blue. The tray has crazing overall, and the glaze has yellowed with time. There are two large chips on the bottom of the rim.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (width x depth): 9 x 6 3/8in. (22.9 x 16.2cm)