

Basic Detail Report

Title Lidded Vegetable Dish

Date about 1835-1840

Primary Maker Staffordshire potteries

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

Description Square, lidded, buff-colored earthenware vegetable dish with a blue tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The dish (.a) and lid (.b) are decorated with scenes inspired by "Aesop's Fables" in a dark transfer-printed underglaze cobalt blue. The scene printed on the inside bottom of the dish shows a fox carrying a bird, perhaps a crane, in its mouth. The fox is running along a path that leads away from a farm in the distance. This scene is surrounded by a border of flowers on a blue ground with leaves and scrolls. This same border is also located on the rim of the domed lid. Scenes of animals standing in a rural landscape decorate each of the four sides of the outside of the dish and the top of the lid. The animals include a bear, wolf, antelope, deer, and ass. Finally, the top of the lid has a molded and applied finial in the shape of an ornate flower on top of a leaf. There is a light crazing all over the surface of the lid and dish. Imperfections in the glaze or earthenware appear as a few small spots of brown on the surface of the dish.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x width x depth): 6 x 9 1/2 x 9 1/2in. (15.2 x 24.1 x 24.1cm)