

Basic Detail Report

Title Tea Bowl

Date 1816-1830

Primary Maker Andrew Stevenson

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

Description Large, round tea bowl of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The tea bowl is decorated with a transfer-printed underglaze cobalt blue pattern titled, "State House Hartford" on the bottom. The pattern shows a neoclassical, or Federal style, building. The building sits on a tall, stone first floor, with two brick storeys above it. The structure has a projecting portico with six columns, a balustrade, and four chimneys emerging from the roof. There are two tall trees on either side of the building and a fence in the background. A man with a cane or walking stick is standing on the lawn in front of the building. The pattern is printed twice on the outside of the tea bowl. Between the patterns, various leaves and flowers are printed on a dark blue field. There is a white, narrow, scalloped line at the outer and inner edges of the rim. A border is printed beneath this on the inside edge of the rim. The border consists of various flowers and leaves on a blue background. A circular pattern of a white flower on a dark blue field is printed on the inside bottom of the tea bowl. There is crazing on all the surfaces of the tea bowl, which has resulted in a brown discoloration.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x diameter): 2 3/4 x 4 1/4in. (7 x 10.8cm)