

Basic Detail Report

Title Saucer

Date 1816-1830

Primary Maker Andrew Stevenson

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

Description Round saucer of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The saucer 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 surrounded by a narrow, white, scalloped line, then a border that covers the rim. This border has various flowers and leaves on a blue background, that fades from dark blue at the outer edge of the border to light blue at the inner edge of the border. There are a few narrow spots along the rim where the glaze has rubbed off. There are three stilt marks on the foot of the saucer.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (diameter): 5 1/4in. (13.3cm)