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Title Cream Pitcher

Date 1816-1830

Primary Maker Andrew Stevenson

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

Description Rectangular cream pitcher of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The cream pitcher has a rectangular foot with rounded corners, swelled sides, and a slightly narrower neck that flares to a spout at the rim. A molded handle is applied opposite the spout. The cream pitcher is decorated with an underglaze cobalt blue transfer-printed pattern titled, "State House Hartford". The pattern, printed once on each side of the cream pitcher, shows a neoclassical, or Federal style, building. The building sits on a tall, stone first floor, with two brick stories 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 various flowers and leaves superimposed on a field of blue. A border has been printed along the outside edge of the rim. This border also has various flowers and leaves on a blue background. The handle is decorated with a series of small double circles, and a single flower on a circular blue field is transfer-printed on the inside of the spout. The surface of the ceramic is uneven, and small amounts

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of dirt have adhered to the projecting portions of the glaze. There are some spots of discoloration on the inside of the cream pitcher.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 4 1/2 x 5 5/8 x 3in.

(11.4 x 14.3 x 7.6cm)