

Basic Detail Report

Title Platter

Date about 1825

Primary Maker John & William Ridgway

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

Description Oval platter of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The oval platter has an undulating, lightly ribbed rim. It is decorated with an underglaze cobalt blue transfer-printed border and pattern, titled, "Deaf & Dumb Asylum, Hartford, Con." on the back.

The pattern, printed in the center of the platter, shows a long, rectangular, three-story building with a pediment over a small door that is flanked by two pilasters on each side. Seven chimneys are visible on the roof of the building. There is a low fence to the left, and a small building to the right of the building. A tree in the right foreground bends over the scene. The pattern is first surrounded by a narrow border of white semi-circles, then the platter's main border is printed at the rim. This border consists of varied flowers, each separated from the other by a semi-circular line of scrolled leaves. There is a final narrow border of small white diamonds lined up along the outer edge of the rim. There are many light scratches on the top surface of the platter. Three stilt marks are visible on each side, and there are three chips on the foot of the platter.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (width x depth): 15 5/8 x 11 1/2in. (39.7 x 29.2 cm)