

Basic Detail Report

Title Plates

Date 1855-1875

Primary Maker Frances Caroline Adams

Medium Mechanically-molded porcelain with overglaze gilding and enamels in pink, green, purple, and blue

Description Group of nine round, porcelain plates with gilding and hand-painted enamels in pink, green, purple, and blue. The plates are part of a partial set of teawares, consisting of a teapot (.1a,b), a lidded sugar bowl (.2a,b), a cream pitcher (.3), a slop bowl (.4), two cake plates (.5 and .6), nine plates (.7-.15), eight teacups (.16a-.23a) and eight saucers (.16b-.23b). The entire set is decorated with a naturalistic printed and hand-painted enamel border. The border consists of a green vine with large and small pink flowers and buds. The vine is highlighted with purple enamel and green leaves. The center of the large flowers are delineated with blue dots arranged in a semi-circle. The handles and spouts in this set, not found on every object, are in the shape of branches or acorns. The intersection of spouts, handles, and the body of the ceramic are decorated with raised and gilded leaves, probably oak leaves. The entire set is also decorated with bands of gilding at the rim and feet. The plates are all decorated at the rim with the hand-painted border of pink flowers on a green vine. The outside edge of each plate's rim is gilded, and there is a circular band of gilding in the center of each plate. The gilding is lightly worn on all of the plates.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (diameter of each plate): 7 3/16in. (18.3cm)