

Basic Detail Report

Title Shaving Mug

Date 1890-1900

Primary Maker Bennie Katzman

Medium Mold-formed porcelain with overglaze gilding and enamels in black, brown, red, yellow, grey, and blue

Description Cylindrical, porcelain shaving mug with gilding and polychrome enamels showing the inside of a barber shop. The outside of the mug is decorated with black enamel, with wide bands of gilding at the rim and flared foot. A hand-painted scene showing the inside of the shop appears below the name "B. Katzman" in an elaborate script, and the location "HARDFORD CONN". The far wall of the shop has a multi-paned window, a door beneath a sign that says "BATH", and pegs on a wall for customers to hang their coats. Three men are sitting on chairs to the right, and one man in a topcoat, cape, and blue suit stands in front of the door leading to the baths. They are watching three barbers shaving three men in chairs to the left. The chairs are in front of a wall of three mirrors. There are three spittoons in the scene, two in the foreground, and one in the rear by the man in the cape. Some gilding has worn off the flared foot of the shaving mug, as well as the rim. The handle also had a line of gilding which has worn partially away. There is a chip in the porcelain in the upper right corner of the barber shop scene.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including handle x depth): 4 x 5 7/8 x 3 3/4 in. (10.2 x 14.9 x 9.5 cm)