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Title Jar

Date early 19th-mid 19th century

Primary Maker Thomas O'Hara Goodwin

Medium Wheel-thrown redware with a lead glaze and black decoration

Description Small, ovoid, small-mouthed redware jar with a clear lead glaze and manganese black decoration. The glaze covers the interior and exterior of the jar, with the exception of the foot and bottom inch of the jar, which are not glazed. The jar has a flat foot and sides that gently swell, then narrow, to form a narrow neck and rim. A narrow ledge circles the inside of the jar and would have supported a lid (now missing). An incised line circles the jar about an inch below the neck. Two small, pulled lug handles are pressed against the jar along their full length, attaching completely to the jar on opposite sides, over the incised line. On one side, between the handles and just below the incised line, is an impressed mark, "T. O. GOODWIN". Several patches of manganese black are applied to the jar around the shoulder; little black spots of manganese black are dotted all over the lead glaze. There is light crazing over all the surfaces of the jar, and several very small chips are missing from the exterior glaze. A larger chip in the glaze is located to the lower left of the mark. It is possible that prior to acquisition by the Connecticut Historical Society, steps were taken to conserve the jar by consolidating the glaze and filling in a chip in the glaze directly below the mark. Another area of possible prior repair is located beneath the handle to the left of the mark. Here a repair material has bubbled up and is susceptible to

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flaking off. A hairline crack in the rim is located just above the mark, and there are several very small chips of glaze missing from the rim. There are three chips on the foot. There are several light scratches over the body of the jar, especially where the jar is widest.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length including handles x width x height): 5 x 4 1/4 x 8 1/2in. (12.7 x 10.8 x 21.6cm)