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Title Pitcher

Date 1818-1825

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Wheel-thrown cream-colored earthenware with underglaze black

decoration and overglaze enamels in green, yellow, red, and blue

Description Barrel-shaped pitcher of cream-colored earthenware, a type of ceramic known as creamware. This is known as a "Liverpool pitcher" because many creamware pitchers of this shape with black printed designs were known to have been made and exported to America from Liverpool, England. The pitcher has a flat base, swelled sides, and a narrower rim, with a spout opposite a pulled and applied handle. The spout and handle have been decorated with bands of black enamel; there are some black enamel abstract designs on the base of the spout as well. There are two designs and one set of initials printed on the outside of the pitcher. The first oval design, located to the right of the handle, shows a small town that sits on a piece of land that juts into the water, creating a natural harbor. There are five sailing ships in the water near the shore, and seven further out to sea. There is a lighthouse visible beyond these seven ships, close to the horizon. A banner above the scene reads "The Gallant Defence of STONINGTON, August 9, 1814." A banner below the scene states "Stonington is free whilst her Heroes have one gun left." The second design, printed on the side of the pitcher to the left of the handle, is colored with yellow, blue, and red enamels. This design shows a sailing ship with three masts and two red and blue

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flags, floating on the sea. The title below the ship reads "United States Frigate

Guerriere, Conn./ Macdonough, bound to Russia July 1818". Finally, the initials

"ISH" are printed in script inside an oval wreath below the spout. There are

many light scratches on the outside of the pitcher. The pitcher has had prior

conservation work along the rim to the right of the handle. A portion of the rim

was rebuilt using a tan putty-like substance. No effort was made to repaint the

black portions of the rim. A spot of this tan substance has adhered to the pitcher

to the right of the spout.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 9 x 8 7/8 x 4 7/8in.

(22.9 x 22.5 x 12.4cm)