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## Title Coffeepot

Date about 1820-1840

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

Description Lidded coffeepot of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The coffeepot (.a) sits on an octagonal foot and has an octagonal urn-shaped body that narrows just below an undulating rim. A molded and applied handle is located opposite a molded and applied spout. The coffeepot is decorated with a transfer-printed pattern and border. The pattern, printed four times on the body of the coffeepot and spout, shows a tower and low wall in a state of ruin, to the left. The tower has grass growing from the top, and there are trees behind the wall. To the right of the tower, two figures are fishing along a stream or river that winds through the scene. To the right, two tall trees sit on land that sticks out into the river. A wall, village, and low hills are visible in the distance. The border, printed on the foot, neck, and handle, consists of various types of white flowers and dark blue leaves on a medium blue background, edged with a line of small white shapes on a dark blue field. A narrow border of flowers and leaves on a fine decorates the inside and outside edge of the rim. The domed, octagonal lid (.b) is decorated with the same pattern, printed upside down around the outside of the lid. The lid has a small peaked, octagonal finial in the center. The coffeepot and lid have undergone considerable conservation work. Coffeepot (.a): A medium-sized

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portion of the foot was restored and repainted. Much of the narrow portion of the spout was restored and repainted as well. All of the conservation work has begun to yellow, and the spout may have been restored to an incorrect shape.

There is a meandering crack in the body of the coffeepot to the left of the spout.

Many of the glazed surfaces are crazing and have light scratches. Lid (.b): The finial on the lid has been completely resored using a now yellowing substance.

Additionally, a large portion of the lid, perhaps as much as one third, broke off at some time in the past. It was repaired using at least two metal staples.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x width x depth): 11 x 10 1/4 x 4in. (27.9 x 26 x 10.2cm)