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Title Lidded Sugar Bowls

Date about 1820-1840

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

Description Group of five rectangular, matching lidded sugar bowls made of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. Each sugar bowl (.a) has a rectangular base and swelled sides that narrow at the neck before flaring again to form a standing rectangular rim. Both sides of each sugar bowl are printed with the same pattern. The pattern 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. Each sugar bowl has two small molded handles applied to each end. Each handle is in the shape of a small flower which protrudes from the body of the ceramic. An underglaze blue border is printed on both the inside and outside edges of the rectangular rim. The border 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. Each sugar bowl has a rectangular lid (.b) with a raised central rectangular area that supports a molded and applied finial. This handle is also in the shape of a flower. The lids are decorated with the same border found on the body of the sugar

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bowl, with one exception. The decoration found on lid .3b consists of leaves, flowers, and scrolls on a light blue and dark blue background. On all the lids, the top of the finial has been decorated with underglaze cobalt blue. Sugar bowl .1a, b has many small chips of glaze missing from the protruding portions of the rim and handle, especially at the corners. There are many small light scratches on the body of the sugar bowl, and crazing on the foot. The lid has five small chips, three of which are on the underside. Sugar bowl .2a,b has several small chips of glaze missing from the protruding portions of the rim. There is light crazing and many small light scratches on the body of the sugar bowl. There is a chip on one corner of the lid. Sugar bowl .3a,b has many small chips of glaze missing from the protruding portions of the rim. There are two chips missing from the widest portion of the sugar bowl near a corner. There are many small scratches on the body of the sugar bowl. The lid does not match, and it has one small scratch underneath the rim. Sugar bowl .4a,b has had two major portions of the ceramic rebuilt, at the rim and on the top of the lid. The repairs have yellowed over time. The sugar bowl has many large and small chips of glaze missing from the protruding portions of the rim, most of which have darkened over time or been painted dark blue during conservation. There are also many chips on the inside edge of the rim, where the lid rests on the sugar bowl. A small, round, yellowed sticker is stuck to the sugar bowl just outside the rim. There are two chips missing from the widest portion of the sugar bowl near a corner. There is a horizontal crack in the body of the ceramic, near a corner. There are many small scratches on the body of the sugar bowl. Sugar bowl .5a,b has two small chips

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missing from the protruding portions of the rim, and several small chips missing from the inside edge of the rim, where the lid rests on the sugar bowl. There are two chips missing from the lid. The surface of both the sugar bowl and the lid have crazed, and the body of both has yellowed considerably.

Dimensions Component (height including lid x width x depth of .1, .2, and .5): 6 x 7 x 5in. (15.2 x 17.8 x 12.7cm) Component (height including lid x width x depth of .3): 6 x 7 x 4 3/4in. (15.2 x 17.8 x 12.1cm) Component (height including lid x width x depth of .4): 5 3/4 x 7 x 4 1/2in. (14.6 x 17.8 x 11.4cm)