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Title Teacups

Date 1830-1840

Primary Maker Abigail Wright

Medium Mold-formed porcelain with overglaze gilding and enamels in yellow and green

Description Group of six round, porcelain teacups, part of a partial tea service consisting of six teacups, six saucers, and six small plates. The entire service has gilded, scalloped rims and a series of two borders beginning with a narrow border of gilded arrows with small green dots between each arrow. Above the arrows is a yellow enamel border overpainted with hand-painted green flowers and gilded leaves on an undulating vine. Each ribbed, hemispherical teacup has a flaring foot and scalloped edge. Each teacup has the above described series of borders on the inside of the rim, with an additional line of gilding at the inside and outside of the scalloped rim. The sides of each teacup are decorated with a row of flowers and vines, above a shallow, raised, floral decoration and the scalloped foot. Both the scalloped foot and the molded, applied handle on each teacup have gilded highlights. Teacups .1, .2, .3, and .4 are in good condition, with little or no wear to the gilding. One teacup (.3) has two hairline cracks, one at the rim, and one down the side. Another teacup (.4) has three hairline cracks, all running down the sides toward the center. Teacups .5 and .6 are in poor condition. Teacup .5 is missing its handle, and has absorbed a dark substance on the foot and stumps of the handle, likely the result of prior conservation

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efforts. There is also a tan substance stuck to the top of the foot, again, probably

the result of prior conservation. Teacup .5 also has a short crack running down

the side. Teacup .6 has a wide crack running from the rim to the foot.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including handle x depth): 2 1/4

x 4 5/8 x 3 3/4in. (5.7 x 11.7 x 9.5cm)