

Basic Detail Report

Title Coffeepot

Date 1816-1830

Medium Mechanically-molded buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze and underglaze cobalt blue decoration

Description Urn-shaped coffeepot of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The urn-shaped body of the coffeepot (.a) sits on a wide foot. A molded handle and spout are applied to the ceramic on opposite sides of the coffeepot. The neck narrows to form a nearly cylindrical rim. The coffeepot is decorated with a transfer-printed underglaze cobalt blue pattern titled, "State House Hartford" on the bottom. The pattern shows a neoclassical, or Federal style, building. The building sits on a tall, stone first floor, with two brick storeys above it. The structure has a projecting portico with six columns, a balustrade, and four chimneys emerging from the roof. There are two tall trees on either side of the building and a fence in the background. A man with a cane or walking stick is standing on the lawn in front of the building. The pattern is printed twice on the outside of the coffeepot, once on each side. It is surrounded by various flowers and leaves on a field of blue. The coffeepot is also decorated with an additional border at the foot, neck, and rim. The border has various flowers and leaves on a blue background, with a final line of small, white, geometric shapes at one side of the border. The spout is printed with blue flowers and leaves, and the handle is decorated with multiple rows of blue dots surrounded by blue circles. The lid (.b) of the

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coffeepot is round and domed. The same border found on the coffeepot is

printed at the rim of the lid, with two additional clusters of flowers and leaves

near the top. A small round finial is located at the top of the lid, and this is also

decorated. The finial has a small cylindrical hole in the center. The coffeepot has

had moderate restoration of the spout; specifically, the top two inches have

been replaced by a yellow substance. A chip in the rim of the coffeepot was

repaired with the same yellow substance as well. The handle of the coffeepot

broke and was repaired using metal staples in three separate locations. Three

small areas on the outside of the coffeepot are covered with an unknown brown

substance. There is light crazing over all the exterior surfaces of the coffeepot

and both the inside and outside of the lid. There is a large area of green

discoloration on the inside of the lid.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x width x depth): 10 1/2 x

10 1/4 x 3 5/8in. (26.7 x 26 x 9.2cm)