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Title Pitcher

Date about 1825

Primary Maker Ralph Stevenson

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

Description Round pitcher of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The pitcher sits on a round foot and has swelled, lobed sides that narrow below a vertical rim. A spout has been added at one side of the rim, and a molded handle has been applied opposite the spout.

The pitcher is decorated with two different patterns and a border. The first pattern, to the left of the handle, shows a long, rectangular, three-story building with a pediment over a small door that is flanked by two pilasters on each side. Five chimneys are visible on the roof, and there is a low fence to the left of the building. There are four individuals walking on the lawn in the foreground, two to the left and two to the right of the building. The second pattern, printed to the right of the handle, shows an extensive three-story building with a circular cupola, many windows, and a white fence partially covering the front of the building. Two individuals are walking on the lawn in front of the fence, and trees frame the pattern on either side. The handle and the inside and outside of the rim and spout are printed with a border of leaves on a dark blue field. The pitcher has undergone extensive repairs to reassemble portions of it. Three metal staples hold the foot of the pitcher onto the sides, and an additional

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staple was used to stabilize a crack to the lower left of the handle. There are many cracks running up the side of the pitcher to the left of the handle. All the surfaces of the pitcher are crazed, and a medium-size chip of glaze and earthenware is missing from the side of the pitcher to the right of the handle.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including handle and spout x depth): 8 x 9 5/8 x 5in. (20.3 x 24.4 x 12.7cm)