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Title Tea Bowl and Saucer

Date 1816-1830

Primary Maker Andrew Stevenson

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

Description Round tea bowl and saucer of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. Each 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. Each piece is also decorated with a transfer-printed border of various flowers and leaves on a blue background.

Saucer (.3): The pattern is printed in the center of the saucer and is surrounded by a narrow, circular, scalloped white line. The border is printed at the rim surrounding the pattern, consisting of various flowers and leaves on a blue background. The blue field fades from a dark blue at the outer edge of the rim to a light blue at the inner edge. A line of white circles decorates the outer edge of the rim. All of the surfaces of the saucer have crazing, which has caused the saucer to turn a light brown. This change is most evident on the bottom of the

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saucer. There are three small chips in the rim, one of which leads to a short

crack. The bottom of the foot is lightly scratched, consistent with use over time.

Tea Bowl (.4): The pattern is printed twice on the outside of the tea bowl.

Between the patterns, various leaves and flowers are printed on a dark blue

field. There is a white, narrow, scalloped line at the outer and inner edges of the

rim. The border is printed beneath this on the inside edge of the rim. A circular

pattern of a white flower on a dark blue field is printed on the inside bottom of

the tea bowl. There is light crazing on the surfaces of the tea bowl.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x diameter of tea bowl): 2 1/4 x 3 1/2in.

(5.7 x 8.9cm) Primary Dimensions (diameter of saucer): 5 5/8in. (14.3cm)