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Title Tea Bowls

Date 1816-1830

Primary Maker Andrew Stevenson

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

Description Group of three round tea bowls of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. Each tea bowl is decorated with the same 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 each 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. A border is printed beneath this on the inside edge of the rim. The border consists of various flowers and leaves on a blue background. A circular pattern of a white flower on a dark blue field is printed on the inside bottom of each tea bowl. Although each tea bowl fits the same general description, tea bowl .27 is larger than the rest. Nor is each tea bowl in the same condition. Tea bowl .27 has two cracks on opposite

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sides of the rim. There is extensive, brown discoloration surrounding each crack.

Additionally, .27 has light crazing on all surfaces and three chips in the foot. Tea

bowl .28 also has crazing on all surfaces, and an overall light brown

discoloration. Tea bowl .29 has overall crazing, but only slight yellow

discoloration.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x diameter of .27): 2 5/8 x 4 1/8in. (6.7 x

10.5cm) Primary Dimensions (height x diameter of .28): 2 1/4 x 3 1/2in. (5.7 x 8.9

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