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Title Teacups

Date 1855-1875

Primary Maker Frances Caroline Adams

Medium Mechanically-molded porcelain with overglaze gilding and enamels in pink, green, purple, and blue

Description Eight round, porcelain teacups with gilding and hand-painted enamels in pink, green, purple, and blue. The teacups are part of a partial set of teawares, consisting of a teapot (.1a,b), a lidded sugar bowl (.2a,b), a cream pitcher (.3), a slop bowl (.4), two cake plates (.5 and .6), nine plates (.7-.15), eight teacups (.16a-.23a) and eight saucers (.16b-.23b). The entire set is decorated with a naturalistic printed and hand-painted enamel border. The border consists of a green vine with large and small pink flowers and buds. The vine is highlighted with purple enamel and green leaves. The center of the large flowers are delineated with blue dots arranged in a semi-circle. The handles and spouts in this set, not found on every object, are in the shape of branches or acorns. The intersection of spouts, handles, and the body of the ceramic are decorated with raised and gilded leaves, probably oak leaves. The entire set is also decorated with bands of gilding at the rim and feet. The eight teacups are each decorated with the border of pink flowers on green vines just below the rim. Each teacup has a molded and applied handle with gilding. There is gilding at the foot and rim of each teacup, as well as a circular band of gilding found on the bottom of the inside of each teacup. The gilding is worn on all of the teacups, especially at

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the rim and inside. Teacup .16a has a hairline crack at the rim that runs down the side.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including handle x depth of each teacup): $2 \frac{5}{8} \times 4 \times 3 \frac{5}{16}$ in. (6.7 x 10.2 x 8.4cm)