

Basic Detail Report

Title Plate

Date about 1830-1850

Primary Maker Smith Pottery

Medium Drape-molded redware with slip decoration and a lead glaze

Description Round redware plate with slip decoration beneath a lead glaze. The plate was formed by trailing white slip over the clay to form the inscription "St. / francis/ Xavier" over two short lines. Then, the clay was draped over a rounded mold to give it its shape, before tooling the edge with a roulette wheel. The top surface of the plate is glazed, which gives the white slip a yellow appearance; the bottom is left unglazed. The plate shows wear, especially to the glaze in the center. The glaze has worn away on areas in the center and has crazed in all other areas of the plate. One area of slip decoration above the center has flaked away, and dirt has accumulated on the redware below. There are over twenty chips of various sizes in the rim of the plate. Finally, the unglazed bottom of the plate has darkened considerably.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x diameter): 1 1/2 x 11in. (3.8 x 27.9cm)