

Basic Detail Report

Title Jug

Date 1791

Primary Maker Abraham Mead

Medium Wheel-thrown salt-glazed stoneware with cobalt blue decoration

Description Ovoid jug made of grey stoneware covered with a salt glaze on the exterior and a brown glaze on the interior. There is a simple roll at the rim, and a pulled, strap handle connecting the neck and shoulder of the jug. Opposite the handle are two and a half- to three-inch-tall initials, "AM", and a date, "1791", with a horizontal line in between. The line, letters, and numbers are formed with a roulette wheel rolled across the surface of the stoneware. The pattern impressed in the clay consists of a line of two isosceles triangles facing each other. The letters, line, and numbers are also decorated with cobalt blue, a decoration that is also found elsewhere on the jug. On either side of the initials and date is a cobalt blue heart that ends in two spirals on either side of the base of the heart. Cobalt blue spirals are also used to decorate the area to either side of the base of the handle. There are two roughly vertical darker lines of cobalt blue just beneath the handle. The jug is indented, and the surface is irregular to the lower right of the initials. Curved, concentric lines cover the bottom of the jug. There is one chip in the rim.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width x height): 4 3/4 x 2 x 12in. (12.1 x 5.1 x 30.5cm)