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Title Jug

Date early to mid 18th century

Primary Maker Stiles family

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

Description Round, grey, stoneware jug with a salt glaze and cobalt blue

decoration. The jug has a cylindrical base, neck, and rim, but a spherical body.

The base and neck of the jug are decorated with combed bands, or raised lines.

There is a line of cobalt blue decoration following one of these lines at the base

and two of these lines at the neck. The rim of the jug is plain. A pulled, strap

handle has been applied at the neck and side of the jug. There is a pierced hole

extending about halfway through the ceramic, on the top of the handle. The

primary decoration of a sprigg-molded, oval, armorial medallion is located

opposite the handle on the spherical portion of the jug. The medallion consists

of a crown over the letters "GR", formed by raised lines and filled in with cobalt

blue. Below the "GR" is the head of an angel with outstretched wings. The

crown, initials, and angel are surrounded on either side by flowers, leaves, and

birds. The entire medallion is surrounded by a raised, patterned oval of

stoneware, then a row of incised triangles filled in with cobalt blue. The

remainder of the spherical portion of the jug, with the exception of an area

around the handle, is decorated with large incised shapes, some abstract, some

organic, each filled in with cobalt blue. There is a hole in the bottom of the jug

which leads to a large crack that runs up the side of the jug, to the right of the

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handle, almost all the way to the rim. There is one small chip in the rim, and

three larger chips in the foot.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width x height): 7 x 3 x 8 1/2in. (17.8 x

7.6 x 21.6cm)