

Basic Detail Report

Title Tea Bowl and Saucer

Date about 1820-1840

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

Description Round tea bowl and saucer of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The tea bowl and saucer are decorated with a transfer-printed underglaze cobalt blue pattern and border.

The pattern shows a tower and low wall in a state of ruin, to the left. The tower has grass growing from the top, and there are trees behind the wall. To the right of the tower, two figures are fishing along a stream or river that winds through the scene. To the right, two tall trees sit on land that sticks out into the river. A wall, village, and low hills are visible in the distance. The border consists of various types of white flowers and dark blue leaves on a medium blue background, edged with a line of small white shapes on a dark blue field. Tea Bowl (.a): The pattern is printed twice on the outside of the tea bowl, and the border is printed on the inside of the rim. The scene of just the ruined tower and wall is printed on the inside bottom of the tea bowl. Saucer (.b): The pattern is printed once in a circle on the center of the saucer and is surrounded by the border printed on the rim.

Dimensions Component (height x diameter of tea bowl): 2 1/2 x 3 5/8in. (6.4 x 9.2 cm) Component (diameter of saucer): 5 3/8in. (13.7cm)