

Basic Detail Report

Title Sweetmeat Dish

Date about 1820-1830

Primary Maker Staffordshire potteries

Medium Mold-formed buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze and underglaze cobalt blue decoration

Description Buff-colored earthenware sweetmeat dish with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The sweetmeat dish consists of a rectangular tray with a vertical rim that sits on a flared foot. A verticle handle emerges from the center of the tray, with a fleur de lis-shaped finial at the top. The sweetmeat dish is decorated with a transfer-printed underglaze cobalt blue pattern and border. The flared foot is decorated at the edge with a border that consists of a row of semi-circles with shells inside. This same border is repeated on the inside and outside edges of the rim on the tray. The primary decoration on the tray is a pattern in the Italian style. The pattern shows an arched bridge crossing a river with a castle on the shore. There are three cows in the foreground and a small village in the far left background. The handle is applied in the center of the tray and has a rectangular base that supports the fleur de lis finial. A portion of the handle and all of the finial is decorated with a pattern of dark blue stars on a field of lighter blue. One corner of the rim of the tray is chipped, and there are light scratches on the surface of the dish. A very small chip is missing from one corner of the handle.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 6 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 7 5/8in.

(16.5 x 21.6 x 19.4cm)