Basic Detail Report



Title Dish

Date 1816-1830

Primary Maker Andrew Stevenson

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

Description Round dish of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The dish is decorated with a transfer-printed underglaze cobalt blue pattern titled, "State House Hartford" on the bottom. The pattern shows a neoclassical, or Federal style, building. The

building sits on a tall, stone first floor, with two brick storeys above it. The structure has a projecting portico with six columns, a balustrade, and four chimneys emerging from the roof. There are two tall trees on either side of the building and a fence in the background. A man with a cane or walking stick is standing on the lawn in front of the building. The pattern is surrounded by a narrow, white, scalloped line, a circular band of white, then a border that covers the rim. This border has various flowers and leaves on a blue background, that fades from dark blue at the outer edge of the border to light blue at the inner edge of the border. Finally, there is a line of white geometric shapes at the outer edge of the rim. There are light scratches in the surface of the glaze, and one small crack in the rim to the right of the pattern.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (diameter): 7 3/4in. (19.7cm)