Basic Detail Report



Title Sauce Tureen

Date 1820-1840

Primary Maker Staffordshire potteries

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

Description Oval sauce tureen (.a) and lid (.b) of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The sauce tureen is decorated with two different transfer-printed landscapes and similar borders in underglaze cobalt blue. The sauce tureen and lid may be a married set (see Curatorial Remarks). Tureen (.a): The landscape found on both sides of the tureen consists of a three-story, white, crenellated building in the middle distance, with trees in the background. A shepherd or farmer is tending his flock

of sheep and cows on the lawn in front of the home while standing next to a woman and child. The tureen has a border at the foot and the inside and outside of the rim, consisting of leaves, clusters of grapes, and small flowers. Two handles, each in the shape of a leaf or fleur-de-lis, have been molded and applied to opposite sides of the tureen. Lid (.b): The oval lid, which has a small cut-out to leave space for the handle of a spoon, has a somewhat different landscape printed twice on opposite sides. The landscape shows a three-story white building with a hipped roof in the middle distance, with trees and hills in the background. A man, woman, and child are walking on the lawn in front of the building. The rim of the lid has a similar border as the tureen, consisting of leaves, clusters of grapes, and small flowers. A molded and applied finial in the shape of a flower decorates the middle of the lid. There are several areas where the deep cobalt blue glaze seems to have been chipped off. The chips are not deep, and very little of the earthenware ceramic below is missing. This occurs on protruding areas of the handles on the tureen and the finial on the lid.

Dimensions Component (length x width x height of tureen): 8 1/4 x 5 x 4in. (21 x 12.7 x 10.2cm) Component (length x width x height of lid): 5 3/4 x 4 5/8 x 2 3/4in. (14.6 x 11.7 x 7cm)