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Title Platters

Date about 1825

Primary Maker John & William Ridgway

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

Description Group of four octagonal platters (one is missing) of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware.

Each platter is decorated with an underglaze cobalt blue transfer-printed border and pattern, titled, "Deaf & Dumb Asylum, Hartford, Con." on the back. The pattern, printed in the center of each platter, shows a long, rectangular, three-story building with a pediment over a small door that is flanked by two pilasters on each side. Seven chimneys are visible on the roof of the building. There is a low fence to the left, and a small building to the right of the building. A tree in

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the right foreground bends over the scene. The pattern is first surrounded by a narrow border of white semi-circles, then the platter's main border is printed at the rim. This border consists of varied flowers, each separated from the other by a semi-circular line of scrolled leaves. There is a final narrow border of small white diamonds lined up along the outer edge of the rim of each platter. Stilt marks are visible on both sides of each platter. There are light scratches on the top surface of each platter. Platter .1 has crazing on all surfaces and an overall yellow discoloration. There is a light brown discoloration covering most of the bottom of the platter. Platter .1 also has a crack in the rim with visible repairs on the back. Platter .2 has overall crazing and a crack in the rim that meanders toward the foot. Platter .3 has heavier scratches, overall crazing, and a light brown discoloration. There are two large chips of glaze missing from the bottom of platter .3.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (width x depth of platter .1): 14 3/4 x 10 7/8in.

(37.5 x 27.6cm) Primary Dimensions (width x depth of platter .2): 14 7/8 x 11 1

/8in. (37.8 x 28.3cm) Primary Dimensions (width x depth of platter .3): 14 7/8 x

11in. (37.8 x 27.9cm)