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Title Pitcher

Date 1820-1840

Primary Maker Staffordshire potteries

Medium Wheel-turned buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze and underglaze cobalt blue decoration

Description Round pitcher of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The pitcher is decorated with a transfer-printed pattern showing a monument dedicated to George Washington in a landscape. The pattern, which appears on both sides of the pitcher, shows an

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elaborate monument with flags and statuary on a pedestal inscribed with the words "WASHINGTON/ INDEPENDENCE/ [words obscured] Y TRUMXXCV". Two small figures, perhaps children, stand in the foreground, and one is pointing to the monument. The children and monument are on the bank of a body of water, perhaps a river or marsh, with mountains in the distance. The scene is framed by vegetation, and an eagle flies through the air. The transfer-printed pattern, found on the inside and outside of the neck of the pitcher, shows large flowers on a dark blue background. A handle, formed in a mold, is applied opposite the pitcher's spout. The handle is decorated with a different transfer-printed border of flowers on a blue background. The inside and bottom of the pitcher show the build-up of dirt or discoloration. There are small chips on the spout and one larger chip on the foot.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 7 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 4 1/2in. (19.1 x 21.6 x 11.4cm)