Basic Detail Report



Title Soup Tureen

Date 1830-1860

Primary Maker Staffordshire potteries

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

Description Oval, earthenware soup tureen with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. A transfer-printed pattern, titled "State House, New Haven" and border, decorate and tureen and lid. Tureen (.a): The tureen sits on a raised foot and has elaborate applied earthenware handles in the shape of double scrolls. The sides of the tureen are lightly ribbed, and swell from the foot to a scalloped rim. The pattern found on both sides of the tureen shows New Haven, Connecticut, with college buildings, spires, and a fenced-in green to the left, a tree-lined dirt road in the center, and a building with a portico

supported by six columns on the right. In the foreground, couples and small groups of people are walking in the road and looking at the buildings. A border, found on the foot and the inside of the rim, consists of a line of trefoils at the edge, with a light blue field, delicate flowers, and leaves inside. The handles are not decorated, but extra groups of printed flowers have been applied to both ends of the tureen around the handles. The inside lip of the rim has a series of chips almost all the way around. Lid (.b): The oval, domed lid of the soup tureen has a semi-circular cut-out where the handle of a spoon would sit after serving the soup. The lid is decorated with a different pattern from the tureen, consisting of a circular building with two porches and a tall tower. The structure sits on a small hill, and is surrounded by trees. This pattern is printed twice on either side of the lid. The ends of the lid are decorated with an enlarged version of the border described above. A small border of trefoils circles the edge of the lid. Finally, a molded finial in the shape of leafy scrolls is applied to the top. There is one chip in the rim that was repaired in the past with a white substance, but not colored in.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x width x depth): 10 x 15 3 /8 x 9in. (25.4 x 39.1 x 22.9cm)