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Title Ashtray

Date about 1910

Primary Maker B. F. H. S.

Medium Cast porcelain with overglaze gilding, and yellow and black enamels

Description Rectangular porcelain ashtray with a flared, undulating rim. A black

enamel, printed pattern in the center of the ashtray is titled, "Y. M. C. ASS'N

BUILDING, HARTFORD, CONN." The three-story building reflects the

Romanesque revival style, as well as the Tudor style, with an arched doorway

and arched windows, gable end facing the street, and a round tower at each of

the two front corners of the building. The building is separated from the street

by a sidewalk. The pattern is surrounded by three undulating borders that follow

the basic shape of the ashtray. The first is a row of diamonds with two small

circles on either side. Then are two gilded lines. The rim is covered with a yellow

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enamel, and gilded lines highlight the raised geometric decoration around the edges of the rim. There is an additional line of gilding at the rim. Some of the gilding and yellow enamel is worn, especially near the outer edges of the rim.

The bottom of the ashtray is not glazed.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (width x depth): 6 x 4in. (15.2 x 10.2cm)