Basic Detail Report



Title Teapot

Date 1855-1875

Primary Maker Frances Caroline Adams

Medium Cast porcelain with overglaze gilding and enamels in pink, green, purple, and blue

Description Pear-shaped porcelain teapot and lid with gilding and hand-painted enamels in pink, green, purple, and blue. The teapot is part of a partial set of teawares, consisting of a teapot (.1a,b), a lidded sugar bowl (.2a,b), a cream

pitcher (.3), a slop bowl (.4), two cake plates (.5 and .6), nine plates (.7-.15), eight teacups (.16a-.23a) and eight saucers (.16b-.23b). The entire set is decorated with a naturalistic printed and hand-painted enamel border. The border consists of a green vine with large and small pink flowers and buds. The vine is highlighted with purple enamel and green leaves. The center of each of the large flowers is delineated with blue dots arranged in a semi-circle. The handles and spouts in this set, not found on every object, are in the shape of branches or acorns. The intersection of spouts, handles, and the body of the ceramic is decorated with raised and gilded leaves, probably oak leaves. The entire set is also decorated with bands of gilding at the rim and feet. Teapot (.1a): The teapot has a circular bottom, swelled sides, a gradually tapered neck, and a slightly flared rim. The teapot has a spout and a handle that are located over two mold lines on opposite sides of the body of the teapot. The shape of the handle suggests a branch, and leaves, highlighted in gilding, decorate the junction between the handle and the teapot. The spout is also decorated with leaves, and it has gilding applied on the rim and down the front. The border of pink flowers on a green vine circles the widest point of the teapot, and there are additional bands of gilding at the neck and rim. Lid (.1b): The lid is circular and domed, with a gilded finial applied to the top in the shape of acorns on a branch. Gilding in the shape of leaves circles the finial. There is a small hole in the lid below the finial. The border of pink flowers on a green vine circles the rim of the lid. At one time, the lid had a small projecting piece, intended to hold the lid on the teapot during pouring. This has since broken off.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x width x depth): 8 1/2 x 8 x

4in. (21.6 x 20.3 x 10.2cm)