Basic Detail Report



Title Saucers

Date 1855-1875

Primary Maker Frances Caroline Adams

Medium Mechanically-molded porcelain with overglaze gilding and enamels in pink, green, purple, and blue

Description Eight, round porcelain saucers with gilding and hand-painted enamels in pink, green, purple and blue. The saucers are 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 the large flowers are 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 are decorated with raised and gilded leaves, probably oak leaves. The entire set is also decorated with bands of gilding at the rim and feet. The saucers each have a wide rim that is decorated with the hand-painted border of pink flowers on a green vine. There is a band of gilding on the outside and the inside edge of the rim, as well as a circular band of gilding in the center of each saucer. The gilding is worn on all the saucers, especially in the center. Saucer .17b has two chips in the rim, one of which leads to a crack that runs toward the center of the saucer. Saucer .16b has one chip on the rim.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (diameter of each saucer): 5 5/8in. (14.3cm)