# Basic Detail Report



## Title Plate

Date about 1830-1850

Primary Maker Smith Pottery

Medium Drape-molded redware with slip decoration and a lead glaze

Description Large, round redware plate with slip decoration beneath a lead glaze. The plate was formed by trailing white slip over the clay to form the words, "Francis/ Smith/ Norwalk", surrounded by undulating lines that form a roughly square border. Then, the clay was draped over a rounded mold to give it its shape, before tooling the edge with a roulette wheel. The top surface of the plate is glazed, which gives the white slip a yellow appearance; the bottom is left

unglazed. The plate shows wear, especially to the glaze in the center. The glaze has worn away on some areas in the center and has crazed in all other areas of the plate. Several areas of the slip decoration have flaked away, and dirt has accumulated on the redware surface below. There are over fifteen chips of various sizes in the rim. Finally, the plate has a significant crack running from the rim toward the center of the plate, where it branches into two shorter cracks.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x diameter): 2 1/4 x 14 1/4in. (5.7 x 36.2 cm)