Basic Detail Report

Title Teapot

Date 1750-1770

Primary Maker Mary Benedict

Medium Cast pewter

Description Cast pewter teapot with a domed lid with a disc-shaped finial atop a short stem; one side of the disc is flattened. The lid is joined to the rim and neck of the teapot by a flat hinge. There is a hole pierced through the lid, to one side of the finial. The body of the teapot is spherical, and rests on a short, circular foot. At one side of the teapot is an ear-shaped handle with a plain terminal. Opposite the handle is a short, S-shaped spout. The spout is applied over several holes that are punched through the side of the teapot. Skimming marks are visible on the underside of the lid. The exterior of the teapot has small gouges and light scratches. Skimming Marks: Skimming marks are concentric rings left on cast pewter objects by skimming tools. Skimming is the process of removing metal and smoothing rough surfaces by scraping the pewter object as it rotates on a lathe.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including spout and handle x depth at middle): 6 3/8 x 8 x 4 7/8in. (16.2 x 20.3 x 12.4cm)