

Basic Detail Report



Crock

Medium

Salt glazed stoneware

Description

A large bellied crock of salt glazed stoneware, in a dark grayish brown tone. The vessel's rimless foot measures 6 1/2 inches in diameter, widening to 11 1/4 inches in diameter at its largest. The body itself is quite thick, with a rim edge of one half inch and collar of 1 3/4 inches. Both base and wide rim are incised with multiple stacked rings. The crock's pair of freestanding handles (one broken off and missing) are heavy and smoothly applied to the body, with a handle diameter of one inch. The crock's rim is noticeably uneven, appearing more oval than circular, with the rim edge dipping slightly on one side. The vessel is decorated in a lively and elaborate manner. The front

portion features a bold and simple inscribed motif of three ovoids flanked on the left by a "eye" and leaf and on the right with a freeform double lobe and leaf, all highlighted with carefully applied cobalt blue glaze. Pairs of brackets are incised between the three lobes and are not picked out or highlighted with blue. Under the existing handle, an incised decoration of three lobes or petals alternating with three elements resembling holly leaves are highlighted with blue glaze. On the back of the crock, a graceful floral /foliate design featuring a pair of scrolling vines ending in lobe and leaf blossoms, along with lobed ornamentation along the vine itself, is all highlighted with cobalt blue. Under the second handle, now missing, is a relatively simple motif of four incised lobes picked out in blue with small incised brackets between each lobe. The crock includes a commemorative inscription reaching around the entire body, reading "For The True Republican of Middletown Pint CS Augst 9 1802." Many of the cursive letters as well as portions of the date are picked out in cobalt blue glaze. The crock's interior is coated with dark brown Albany slip.

Dimensions

13.5 × 11.25 in. (34.3 × 28.6 cm)