

SA1048129

Prattware pottery 'Macaroni' tea caddy & cover, c. 1800.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1048129

Date of manufacture: 1800

Dimensions

Height = 15.5 cm (6.1")

Width = 8.5 cm (3.3")

Depth = 5.2 cm (2.0")

Description

English pottery Prattware 'Macaroni' tea caddy and cover, c. 1800. Moulded to one side with ladies of high fashion, in elaborate 18th Century costume, whilst the reverse shows their male counterparts in appropriate attire. Hand painted in vibrant Pratt enamels, and underglaze blue. Both the shoulder and the ends, painted with stylised flowering plants. The caddy retains its original cover, surmounted with a teardrop finial, and decorated in Pratt colours. All beneath a pearlware glaze. This is a particularly sharply moulded example, indicating that it is an early pull from the mould. Height – 15.5 cm, 6 1/8". Width – 8.5 cm, 3 3/8". Depth – 5.2 cm, 2 1/8". Condition – Tight hairline to the inner flange of the cover. Otherwise in fine condition. No restoration. The 'Macaroni' may be seen as the 18th Century fore runner, of the Regency Dandy. It was a style believed to derive from the fashions adopted and adapted to an exaggerated level by wealthy young men who had experienced Grand Tour travels to Italy; not only was it a matter of what you wore, but also your mannerisms, affectations and lifestyle, an early day androgynism, or 'non binary'. As with all fashions, the expon...

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