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Stoneware Jug 'Griffin and Cherub' by Ridgway & Sons, c. 1808

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1086152****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

This rare and stunning antique stoneware jug features finely detailed applied scenes of griffins and cherubs. Below the rim, grapevines laden with fruit encircle the jug. The figures and decorative elements were molded from cream clay and applied to the ware body before firing, a decorative technique known as sprigging. The spout is adorned with a man's head. The jug has a smear glaze on the exterior and a full glaze on the interior. Known as drabware, this jug dates back to the early 1800s and was made by Ridgway of Caudon Place, Shelton, Staffordshire. The base is pad-marked with pattern No. 35. This 'Dutch' jug shape was introduced in the early 19th century and quickly became a favorite among pottery and porcelain manufacturers. The decorative frieze on the side of this jug is copied from a classical design found in "Etchings Representing the Best Examples of Ancient Ornamental Architecture," published by C.H. Tatham in 1803. The Ridgway firm was one of the versatile family potteries that rose rapidly to prominence after the perfection of bone china around 1800. The recent concentrated period of industrialization, including significant improvements to the canal system...

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