

Climbing the Tea Leaf Family Tree:

Copper-Lustre Decorated Ironstone 1840-1860 (Continued)



I'm sure that you've noticed by now that you haven't yet seen a single piece of Tea Leaf, but those clever potters rectified that problem by the middle of the 1850's. The earliest of the Shaw Tea Leaf products include these examples.



Left, top; Shaw Double Sydenham covered dish (rare mark since Shaw closed the Tunstall pottery in 1856)

Left, below; Shaw Niagara Fan (1856) sauce tureen

Right, top: Shaw Chinese Shape (1856) bath set

Right, below: Shaw Chinese Shape (1856) sauce and soup tureens; a third size covered punch bowl was also made



This is just a small sampling of the variety of geometric and floral copper lustre decorative motifs found on white ironstone of the 1840's through the 1860's after which time the Tea Leaf decoration became most popular.

About this Educational Supplement:

This is the second of a four part series documenting the 1993 convention presentations. In the May issue, Carol Chadwick will complete the series with pieces and body styles from the last decade of the 19th century.