

Basic Detail Report



Pitcher Owned by Helena Modjeska

Date

c. 1880

Medium

Glazed ceramic

Description

This Etruscan-style majolica pitcher was formerly owned by Madame Helena Modjeska. Manufactured In the United States by a company called Griffen, Smith and Hill (GSH) in Phoenixville, PA, pieces with this design were given as a premium by a large tea company around 1880. The father or donor, Dr. V. Ray Townsend, M.D. of Long Beach was one of a group of individuals who purchased the "Arden"

home and grounds of Madame Modjeska when she sold it in 1906, prior to her move to Newport Beach. This pitcher was one of many objects left in the home by Modjeska.

Dimensions

7 × 20 in. (17.8 × 50.8 cm)