



## Antique Islettes Earthenware Plate, 19th Century, Decorated With A Peacock



90 EUR

Signature : Les islettes

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Earthenware

Diameter : 23,5 cm

### Description

Early 19th century polychrome earthenware plate depicting a peacock on a fence between two shrubs on a mound of greenery, comma decoration on the marli. Very nice condition. Diameter 22.5 cm

Info An earthenware factory was founded in Sainte-Menehould in 1735, at Bois d'Epense, by Henri Louis Leclerc, resulting in the construction of a first employers' dwelling; but the factory ceased operations in 1742. Activity resumed in 1764, when François Bernard was authorized by a King's Council ruling of July 3 to transfer his Clermont-en-Argonne earthenware factory there. The second owner's dwelling appears to have been built between 1775 and 1786. From 1802 to 1824, the Bois d'Epense faience factory, better known as the Islettes faience factory, enjoyed a

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period of prosperity and became one of the most important in eastern France. In 1840, as the Bernard dynasty, which had run the factory until then, died out, the establishment was bought by the Godéchal brothers, but production ceased in 1848. On November 21, 1848, the buildings were sold to Champion-Maujean, who had all the industrial buildings demolished, leaving only the main building and outbuildings for residential use. At the time of the additional survey in 2013, the property was still used as a home. No changes to the ensemble. The former earthenware factory has been on the Supplementary List of Historic Monuments since July 21, 2006. Numerous earthenware remains are on display in a small museum set up in the chapel, restored for the purpose in 1983. Around 30 workers were employed in 1764; 80 in 1786; 200 in the early 19th century..