INK BOTTLE

Unique ID: MAS-D100132

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Published

One stoneware ink bottle.

Ink bottles or inkwells were made of various materials including glass, various metals, various stones, various woods, horn, ceramics and stoneware, and even hard rubber. Prior to beginning of the 19th century, virtually all ink came in ceramic containers which were still commonly used throughout most of the 19th century. Stoneware bottles were superseded by glass bottles by the first decade of the 20th century. Ink bottles of this size are known as the bulk or master ink bottles (https://sha.org/bottle/household.htm, accessed March 2020). The master bottles usually have a pouring lip or spout that would be used to distribute the ink in to smaller wells (Hume 2001), although that lip is not present on this example. Brown ink bottles without a spout, like this discovery, date from the 1850s to 1880s.

Notes:

This item was found with two clear glass fruit bottles, one ornate green glass wine bottle, one black glass bottle, one tall brown wine bottle with a hexagonal base (MAS-D100133), a handle of a metal fork/spoon (MAS-D100134) and three stoneware salt glazed jars (MAS-D100156).

Class: Written communications **Sub class:** Writing and drawing equipment

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: With finder
Subsequent action after recording: Submitted as wreck to the Receiver of Wreck

Wreck details

Droit number: 316/17

Chronology

Broad period: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Period from: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Period to: NINETEENTH CENTURY

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Length: 200 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 18th October 2017

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Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.
Recorded by: L R
Identified by: L R
Secondary identifier: V L

Other reference numbers

Droit ID: 316/17

Materials and construction

Primary material: Ceramic
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Hume, I. N, 2001 *A Guide to the Artifacts of Colonial America* Pennsylvania : University of Pennsylvania Press, ,

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