CONTAINERS

Unique ID: MAS-D100138

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Published

Two shards of crockery with makers mark present. The stamp is made up of letters "H A P A G" and a stylised admiralty anchor which has a wooden stock behind a shield. "H.A.P. A.G" refers to The Hamburg Amerikanische Packetfahrt Aktien Gesellschaft; a German shipping company that operated from 1847 until 1970. The stamps would have been on the base of the corckery therefore it is not clear whether these pieces would have belonged to bowls or plates when they were in use. The shards are white, with dark flecked inclusions and yellowish patches. It is more than likely that these pieces were part of the vessel's everyday tableware.

Notes:

All of these items were recovered from the wreck of SS *Pomerania*, a German ocean liner steamer built in 1873 by J. Caird & Co., in Greenock. This vessel was one of many owned by the Hamburg Amerikanische Packetfahrt Actien Gesellschaft (HAPAG); a transatlantic shipping enterprise established in Hamburg in 1847 that transported hundreds of thousands of emigrants from Germany, Scandinavia, and eastern Europe to the United States, Canada, Latin America, and other destinations around the world. The ship sank in 1878, 5 miles SE of Folkestone whilst carrying 109 passengers and 111 crew en route from New York to Cherbourg and Hamburg, last from Plymouth, following a collision with Welsh barque Moel Eilian and resulting in the loss of 55 lives. NRHE and Kent HER reference numbers cited in this record refer to the wreck of SS *Pomerania*.

This item was found with a decorative lead object (MAS-D100146), six clock parts (MAS-D100173), and a fork or spoon handle (MAS-D100174).

Class: CONTAINER **Sub class:** FOOD AND DRINK SERVING CONTAINER

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: With finder

Wreck details

Droit number: 320/17

Chronology

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

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 2

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Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Monday 26th March 2018

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.
Recorded by: Mr Robbie Trevelyan

Other reference numbers

NRHE monument number: 883110
Other reference: Kent HER Number: TR 33 SW 26
Droit ID: 320/17

Materials and construction

Primary material: Ceramic
Completeness: Fragment

Spatial metadata

County or Unitary authority: Kent (County)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TR2329
Four figure Latitude: 51.01711498
Four figure longitude: 1.17805502
1:25K map: TR2329
1:10K map: TR22NW
Display four figure position on What3Words
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Diving
Discovery circumstances: SS Pomerania
Current location: With finder

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