CUTLERY

Unique ID: MAS-D100174

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Published

This record refers to the handle of a metal spoon or fork included within this group of finds. The diagnostic end of the piece is broken and therefore is uncertain whether this is a fork or spoon, and a lack of measurements precludes determining whether this is a tea or desert size in terms of spoon , or cake or main course size of fork. The fabric of the item, though slightly coroded, has a yellowish colour which may indicate gold or gold plating has been used in its manufacture. Alternatively, given the verdigris colour of the corrosion, may have been constructed in a copper alloy or have had silver plating which can also corrode to a similar colour. There may be a hallmark or makers mark stamped on the back of the object that may shed more light on where it was manufactured. The date of this item is given by the wreck from which it was recovered, which sank in 1878.

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 clock (MAS-D100173), a decorative lead object (MAS-D100146) and crockery fragments (MAS-D100138).

Class: Spoon

Wreck details

Droit number: 320/17

Chronology

Broad period: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Period from: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Period to: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Date to: Exactly AD 1878

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

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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: P T

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: Copper alloy
Completeness: Incomplete

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.

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