CLAY PIPE (SMOKING)

Unique ID: MAS-D100196

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Published

Five small smoking pipes that are complete, four small smoking pipes that are broken, one large smoking pipe that is complete, six large smoking pipe that are broken. The pipes are mainly derived from two different styles: the long-stemmed style and the short-stemmed. The longer-stemmed bears no decoration or cartouche, along with absence of heel. The bowl is large, owing perhaps to the fall in tobacco prices in the 19th century and would have most likely been a cheap item.

The shorter-stemmed pipes display ornate decoration on the bowl, in the form of a hatted head, and are made from darker clay. The bowls are at a sharper angle to stem, nearly 90 degrees in most cases. The male head on five of the pipes have previously thought to represent a military figures or the head of a French soldier. They fall into a group of more elaborate decorative pipes with bowls moulded in the form of human heads and animals, common in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Such decorative pipes would have been commonly exported and it is believed that all of these pipes represent a vessels cargo.

Notes:

All of these items were recovered from the wreck *Loanda.* Built in 1891 at Barrow-in-Furness (Cumbria) by the Naval Construction and Armaments Co., *Loanda* was a two-masted screw-driven steamer owned by the British and African Steam Navigation Co. On 31 May 1908, following a collision with SS *Junona*, *Loanda* foundered while under tow 1 mile east of St Margaret's at Cliffe, Kent. At the time of loss, the vessel was bound from Hamburg, Germany, to West Africa with a general cargo. This cargo, which has seen significant recovery by divers, included: clay pipes; bottles of wine and gin; glass beads; perfume bottles; pencils, writing slates and inkpots; lamps; and teacups, lids, dishes, pots, saucers, plates, jugs and eggcups. NRHE and Kent HER reference numbers cited in this record refer to the wreck of *Loanda*.

This item was found with six gin bottles (MAS-D100197) and fragments of a porcelain cup (MAS-D100198).

Class: DRESS AND PERSONAL ACCESSORIES **Sub class:** Pipe (smoking)

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: With finder

Wreck details

Droit number: 136/18

Chronology

Broad period: NINETEENTH CENTURY

Period from: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Period to: NINETEENTH CENTURY

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 16

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 24th June 2018

Personal details

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

Other reference numbers

NRHE monument number: 901835
Other reference: Kent HER Number: TR 34 SE 108; TR 45 NE 256; TR 34 SE 112
Droit ID: 136/18

Materials and construction

Primary material: Earthenware
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

County or Unitary authority: Kent (County)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TR3844
Four figure Latitude: 51.1457526
Four figure longitude: 1.4013985
1:25K map: TR3844
1:10K map: TR34SE
Display four figure position on What3Words
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Diving
Discovery circumstances: Loanda
Current location: With finder

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