BOTTLE

Unique ID: MAS-D100230

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Published

Three bottles of blown glass. The frst two bottles are torpedo or Hamilton´s type bottle (Hamilton introduced this type of blow molding) from the mid-nineteenth century dedicated to containing carbonated water or 'soda'. Both are light blue/green 'aqua' glass and measure 250 mm long and have a diameter of 75 mm with a 'bottom-weighted' blob finish. The inscription "Aerated Water" "Bombay" makes reference to the content and place of distribution, something that manufacturers of this type of packaging commonly did. The design ensured that the bottles would be stored on their side, keeping the cork in contact with the liquid and thereby preventing it from drying out and allowing the gas to escape.

The third of the bottles is a small light blue/green 'aqua' glass container, hexagonal in shape and measuring 75 mm in high by 45 mm in diameter. This would probably be a small ink bottle. This style of bottle was very popular around the middle of the 19th century from around 1835 to 1865 (Covill 1971).

Notes:

These items were found with four ceramic bowls (MAS-D100229), one stoneware bottle (MAS-D100231) and four stoneware ink bottles (MAS-D100232).

All of these items were recovered from the wreck of SS *Strathclyde*, a British trading steamship built in 1871 in Blackwood, Port Glasgow. The ship sank in 1876 off Dover whilst carrying 23 passengers and 47 crew for Bombay, following a collision with *Franconia* and resulting in the loss of 38 lives. NRHE and Kent HER reference numbers cited in this record refer to the wreck of SS *Strathclyde*.

Class: Container **Sub class:** Storage container. Food and liquid storage container
Inscription: "AERATED WATER" "BOMBAY"

Wreck details

Droit number: 291/18

Chronology

Broad period: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Subperiod from: Early
Period from: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Subperiod to: Early
Period to: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Date from: Circa AD 1835
Date to: Exactly AD 1876

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Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 3
Height: 250 mm
Diameter: 75 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Monday 17th September 2018

Personal details

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

Other reference numbers

NRHE monument number: 813607
Other reference: Kent HER: TR 33 NW 23
Droit ID: 291/18

Materials and construction

Primary material: Glass
Manufacture method: Blown
Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

County or Unitary authority: Kent (County)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TR3438
Four figure Latitude: 51.09353995
Four figure longitude: 1.34042371
1:25K map: TR3438
1:10K map: TR33NW
Display four figure position on What3Words
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Diving
Discovery circumstances: Diving

William Covill, 1971 *Ink Bottles and Ink Wells* Massachusetts : William S Sullwood, ,

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