BOTTLE

Unique ID: MAS-O100053

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Published

One gin bottle measuring 11 inches high by 3 1/2 inches wide. This square, mould-blown 'case bottle', has the typical tapering profile. The square shape enabled the bottles to be packed more efficiently in a case than round bottles, and the tapering profile stops them from sticking when removed from the case. They were used for gin (although undoubtedly also sometimes for other spirits or wine). Square case bottles were made in Europe from the middle of the 17th century, but the tapering form seems to have become more common in the 19th century. From the 1880s the bottles were machine made, and the rims properly finished - this examples therefore probably date to the 19th century, but pre-dating the 1880s.

Notes:

This item was found along with three candlesticks (MAS-D100039 and MAS-D100041). All of these items were recovered from the wreck of *Josephine Willis*, a New Zealand sail and steam propelled packet ship built in *c.*1840. The ship was carrying 110 people on board bound for Auckland, comprising ten First class passengers, 60 steerage and 40 crew. It sank in 1856 following a collision with *Mangerton* with the loss of 69 lives. NRHE and Kent HER reference numbers cited in this record refer to the wreck of *Josephine Willis*.

Class: Container **Sub class:** DRINK SERVING CONTAINER

Subsequent actions

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

Wreck details

Droit number: 092/17

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL
Period from: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Period to: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Date from: Circa AD 1800
Date to: Exactly AD 1856

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

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Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 28th May 2017

Personal details

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

Other reference numbers

NRHE monument number: 1025695
Other reference: Kent HER Number: TR 22 NE 45
Droit ID: 092/17

Materials and construction

Primary material: Glass

Spatial metadata

County or Unitary authority: Kent (County)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TR1830
Four figure Latitude: 51.0280097
Four figure longitude: 1.10748152
1:25K map: TR1830
1:10K map: TR13SE
Display four figure position on What3Words
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

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

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