BOTTLE

Unique ID: MAS-D100066

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Published

Four stoneware bottles (three large and one smaller) that were probably used for beer, ale, stout or porter.

Stoneware bottles provided the ultimate in protection from the detrimental effects of light but were very heavy. They were produced in Britain in the 1800s and many bottles found in the United States were even imported from here.

All of these bottles have a feldspathic glaze over an ochre dip on the upper parts of the bottle giving them a darker colour on top. Feldspars (natural rocks of aluminosilicates) are used in stoneware and porcelain glazes because they fuse only at high temperatures. The feldspathic glaze dates the bottles to the 1830s or later while stoneware bottles were more or less superseded by glass by the first decade of the 20th century.

Notes:

These items were found with six stoneware seltzer bottles (MAS-D100065), two green glass wine bottles (MAS-D100068), three aqua glass bottles (MAS-D100071), one Hamilton bottle (MAS-D100072), four small stoneware ink bottles (MAS-D100074), six small bowls (MAS-D100076) and an egg cup (MAS-D100078).

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*.

The location of SS *Strathclyde* was taken from the British National Grid co-ordinate from the National Record of the Historic Environment.

Class: Container **Sub class:** Food and liquid storage 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: 173/17

Chronology

Broad period: NINETEENTH CENTURY

Period from: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Period to: MODERN

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 4

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Monday 24th July 2017

Personal details

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

Other reference numbers

NRHE monument number: 813607
Other reference: Kent HER Number: TR 33 NW 23
Droit ID: 173/17

Materials and construction

Primary material: Ceramic
Completeness: Complete

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
Current location: With finder

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