

EGG CUP

Unique ID: MAS-D100078

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

One egg cup made of a refined whiteware. The term 'whiteware' is used in historical archaeology to denote refined ceramics with a whiter and denser body than pearlware that generally postdates c.1830. Whiteware is a class of ceramic products that include porcelain and china. They are usually, but not necessarily white and consist typically of clays, feldspar, potter's flint, and whiting (calcium carbonate). It is not until the Victorian era that egg cups were mass marketed and regularly offered with dinnerware services. Companies, like Wedgwood and Haviland, produced egg cups and decorated them in the styles of their bestselling china patterns although the example recorded here appears to be undecorated. It is thought that this example may date to the 19th or 20th century.

Notes:

This item was found with six stoneware seltzer bottles ([MAS-D100065](#)), four stoneware beverage bottles ([MAS-D100066](#)), 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](#)) and six bowls ([MAS-D100076](#)).

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: FOOD PREPARATION AND CONSUMPTION (Class) **Sub class:** FOOD 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: 173/17

Chronology

Broad period: NINETEENTH CENTURY

Period from: NINETEENTH CENTURY

Period to: MODERN

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

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

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Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Diving

Discovery circumstances: Diving

Current location: With finder