CLAY PIPE (SMOKING)

Unique ID: MAS-D100079

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Published

All three pipes here are complete and are of the short or 'cutty' form. Two of the pipes measure 100 mm and have bowls in the form of a male head, wearing a thin-brimmed cap, while the third, which measures 120 mm, has a simple impression pattern around the outside of the rim. The male head on two of the pipes has previously been thought to represent a military figure 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, that were common in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Such decorative pipes would have been commonly exported.

Tobacco was grown in West Africa from the 17th century, where the inhabitants made their own pipes. The manufacture evolved from that of pottery vessels, but they also imported some through the Atlantic trade (Knight 2010, 67), which is likely what these pipes represent.

Notes:

These items were found with five gin bottles (MAS-D100063) and two perfume bottles (MAS-D100080).

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*.

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Class: DRESS AND PERSONAL ACCESSORIES **Sub class:** PIPE (SMOKING)

Subsequent actions

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

Wreck details

Droit number: 185/17

Chronology

Broad period: NINETEENTH CENTURY

Period from: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Period to: MODERN

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 3
Length: 100 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 12th July 2017

Personal details

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

Other reference numbers

NRHE monument number: 901835
Other reference: Kent HER Number: TR 34 SE 108
Droit ID: 185/17

Materials and construction

Primary material: Ceramic
Decoration style: Figurative
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: Diving
Current location: With finder

Knight, FC, 2010 *Working the Diaspora: The impact of African Labor on the Anglo-American world,*

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1650–1850 New York : University Press, 67 ,

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