

BOTTLE

Unique ID: MAS-D100082

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

A collection of four stoneware ginger beer bottles covered with a feldspathic glaze and stamped with 'A Phillips Victoria VI'. These bottles relate to Alexander Phillips of Vancouver Island, British Columbia, whose business ran from 1858. In 1879, his son became a partner in the business after which time the bottles are stamped 'A Phillips & Son' ([B.C. & Vancouver Island - Bottles, Antiques & Collectibles](#), accessed November 2017). These stoneware ginger beer bottles were produced in Britain by the Doulton Lambeth Company. 'VI' stood for the crown colony of Vancouver Island. After the colonies were combined in 1866, most companies would switch to using BC or British Columbia. However, the bottles depicting 'VI' would still be used, as special orders for bottles like these could take months, if not more than a year, to reach the new colony, meaning that existing bottles were often recycled ([Royal B.C. Museum Learning Portal](#), accessed November 2017).

Notes:

These items were found with a collection of five other bottles ([MAS-D100100](#)).

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

Chronology

Broad period: NINETEENTH CENTURY

Period from: NINETEENTH CENTURY

Period to: NINETEENTH CENTURY

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 4

Diameter: 76 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 1st August 2017

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: L R

Identified by: L M

Secondary identifier: V L

Materials and construction

Primary material: Ceramic

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

County or Unitary authority: [Kent](#) (County)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TR3535

Four figure Latitude: 51.0662013

Four figure longitude: 1.35272976

1:25K map: TR3535

1:10K map: TR33NE

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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