SEAL MATRIX

Unique ID: SOMDOR-1B27F7

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Part of a late eighteenth century gold fob seal set with a cornelian intaglio. The struts and suspension loop are missing. The fob seal is oval in shape and measures 33.81mm by 28.08mm by 5.24mm. It weighs 11.25g. The arms engraved on the intaglio are those of John Pitt, 2nd earl of Chatham (1756-1835), impalling those of his wife, Mary Elizabeth Townshend (1762-1821), daughter of Thomas Townshend, 1st Viscount Sydney. It encorporates the coronet, supporters and motto, BENIGNO NUMINE ('by favour of the heavens') of the earls of Chatham. The seal must date from between the marriage of John Pitt in 1783, and 1805, when the Pitt family sold their estate at Curry Rivel.

Find of note status

This has been noted as an interesting find by the recorder.

Inscription: BENIGNO NUMINE

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL Period from: POST MEDIEVAL Date from: Post AD 1783 Date to: Ante AD 1805

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Length: 33.81 mm Width: 28.08 mm Thickness: 5.24 mm Weight: 11.25 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 1st February 2006

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Gem Secondary material: Gold Manufacture method: Multiple Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: <u>South West</u> (European Region) County or Unitary authority: <u>Somerset</u> (County) District: <u>South Somerset</u> (District) To be known as: Curry Rivel area

Spatial coordinates

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.