

# 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), impaling those of his wife, Mary Elizabeth Townshend (1762-1821), daughter of Thomas Townshend, 1st Viscount Sydney. It incorporates 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

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Dr Naomi Payne

Identified by: Mr Steve Minnitt

## **Materials and construction**

Primary material: Gem

Secondary material: Gold

Manufacture method: Multiple

Completeness: Incomplete

## **Spatial metadata**

Region: [South West](#) (European Region)

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

District: [South Somerset](#) (District)

To be known as: Curry Rivel area

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