CLOTH SEAL

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A Post Medieval colth seal dating to 1571 AD. This type of seal with the rivets and corresponding holes went on each newly woven textile. This example is from a Dutch-immigrant community Colchester seal. The inscription reads:

DUYT(S) (?7)O CRUI(S) / (BAY)E VA(N) /

(C)OLCESTER /(1)57(1) -

ie 'Dutch seventy [refers to warp thread-count] cross [refers to weave - ??twill] bay [cf. baize] of Colchester [founded] 1571.'

Geoff Egan notes that the use of Dutch suggests a first-generation immigrant milieu. These particular seals are so far only known from London.

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Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1571

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Thickness: 1.3 mm Weight: 14.5 g Diameter: 34.1 mm

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: London (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Greater London Authority (Greater London Authority)