

CLOTH SEAL

Unique ID: KENT-2954E2

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete lead alloy cloth seal of post-medieval date (c. 1575-1700), likely relating to an immigrant community possibly Dutch.

Description:

The seal is sub-rectangular with a narrow section and is stamped on one surface with the Roman numerals LII (52) within a beaded border. The reverse is blank.

Measurements: 22.55mm long, 11.99mm width, 3.77mm thick and 5g

Discussion:

A similar cloth seal is illustrated in Egan (1994) p.174, fig.23, no.95 and is described as a Dutch community tabular seal from Norwich. The numerals on such examples relate to the length of the cloth in yards while the other sides often have the town of origin stamped on the reverse.

Similar cloth seals have also been recorded on the PAS database @: NMS-95CA14 and YORYM-766602.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1575

Date to: Circa AD 1700

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 22.55 mm

Width: 11.99 mm

Thickness: 3.77 mm

Weight: 5 g

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead Alloy

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [London](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Greater London Authority](#) (Greater London Authority)

District: [City of Westminster](#) (London Borough)

Parish or ward: [Vincent Square](#) (London Borough Ward)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TQ3079

Four figure Latitude: 51.49500418

Four figure longitude: -0.12872211

1:25K map: TQ3079

1:10K map: TQ37NW

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Egan, G., 1994 [Lead cloth seals and related items in the British Museum](#) London: Department of Medieval and Later Antiquities, British Museum p.174, fig.23 , 95