

WALKING STICK

Unique ID: DUR-19E172

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete gold walking cane ferrule dating from the late 19th century.

Description: The ferrule is made from thin sheet gold and has a stamped design in relief of foliate scrolls, with a thin plain border at each edge. A large central heraldic shield features an inscribed crest of a lion's head charged with a bend. The hallmark to the right of the shield shows the initials 'J.K.' and '18Ct'. The ferrule is sub-rectangular and appears to taper in slightly towards the base.

The ferrule would have originally been tubular; however, it has been compressed, and is now almost flat. The object is damaged and perforated in some places, with a number of cracks on the reverse of the object forming along the edges of the stamped design.

The ferrule measures: 36.85mm long, 34.95mm wide at the top and 31.16mm wide at the base. The gold sheet is 0.44mm thick. 29.1mm wide and 0.4mm thick. It weighs 12.4g.

Discussion: The hall mark 'J.K.' indicates that the 18 carat gold ferrule was made by Julius Klinkhardt, a London based Stick and umbrella manufacturer, and mounter in gold & silver, active between 1885-1915 (Source 1). The crest indicates the ferrule belonged to a member of the Millbank family of Barningham Park (Burke 1838, 399), most likely Sir Frederick Acclom Milbank, 1st Bt. (1820-1898) or his son and successor Sir Powlett Charles John Milbank, 2nd Bt. (1852-1918) (Source 2).

As the Ferrule has been positively identified and dated to the late 19th century, it falls outside the provisions of the Treasure Act 1996, and consequently cannot be classified as Treasure.

References:

Burke, J., 1838. A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Landed Gentry; Or, Commoners of Great Britain and Ireland Etc. Henry Colburn.

Source 1: London Makers Marks - JG-JK [WWW Document], n.d. URL <https://www.silvermakersmarks.co.uk/Makers/London-JG-JK.html#JK> (accessed 8.2.17).

Source 2: Person Page [WWW Document], n.d. URL <http://www.thepeerage.com/p4992.htm> (accessed 8.2.17).

Class: Ferrule

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder after being declared not Treasure

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Late
Period from: POST MEDIEVAL
Period to: MODERN
Date from: Exactly AD 1885
Date to: Exactly AD 1915

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Length: 36.85 mm
Width: 34.95 mm
Thickness: 0.44 mm
Weight: 12.4 g

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold
Completeness: Complete
Surface Treatment: Stamped

Spatial metadata

Region: [North East](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [County Durham](#) (Unitary Authority)
District: [County Durham](#) (Unitary Authority)
Parish or ward: [Barningham](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: NZ0810
Four figure Latitude: 54.48528361
Four figure longitude: -1.8780282
1:25K map: NZ0810
1:10K map: NZ01SE
Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector
General landuse: Cultivated land
Specific landuse: Operations to a depth greater than 0.25m