CLOTH SEAL

Unique ID: LON-1E5668

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A Post medieval lead alloy Colchester Dutch community cloth seal dated AD 1571. The seal has an off centre pelleted ring that contains an ornate shield bearing the three coronets of Colchester, 15 71 to sides, DVYT / COLCESTER / CRONE / SAYE. The cloth seal has been counter stamped with a star of David. The reverse of the seal has two squashed lead rivets attached but is otherwise undecorated. The object has a white/grey patina of lead oxide.

Similar seals are shown in Egan(1995:165-66 fig.31-35) and Elton (2017:73)

Dimensions: diameter: 40.11mm; weight: 8.72g

Elton (2017:73) writes "The Dutch weavers arrived in Colchester in 1570 and established their renowned bay and say cloth production in the following year. This date appears on many of their seals well into the following century and should be looked on in same manner as companies now use 'established in' dates on their logos."

References: Egan, G. 1992. Leaden Cloth Seals. Datasheet 3. Finds Research Group 700-1700 Datasbeets 1-24. 1985-1998. Reprographic Unit, University of Oxford.

Egan G. 1995. Lead Cloth Seals and Related items in the British Museum, British Museum Occasional Paper 93.

Elton S.F. 2017. Cloth Seals: An Illustrated Reference Guide to Identification of Lead Seals Attached To Cloth, Archaeopress Publishing Ltd.

Inscription: DVYT / COLCESTER / CRONE / SAYE

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL Period from: POST MEDIEVAL Period to: POST MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1571 Date to: Circa AD 1700

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Weight: 8.72 g Diameter: 40.11 mm

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead Alloy Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: London (European Region)

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

District: **Tower Hamlets** (London Borough)

Parish or ward: St. Katharine's and Wapping (London Borough Ward)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TQ3380

Four figure Latitude: 51.50329348 Four figure longitude: -0.08515568

1:25K map: TQ3380 1:10K map: TQ38SW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Open fresh water Specific landuse: Running water