

SEAL

Unique ID: LON-A5684C

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete Post Medieval lead alloy commercial seal of Aachen dating from the 16th century. The seal consists of a leaden disk with loop at the top, now missing. The seal is stamped on both sides, on one side is the Arms of Aachen, a displayed eagle, with its head to the left. On the other side is a dimidiated shield with crossed spoons left and a cauldron with a round bottom, three short legs and handle at each side right. Similar seals can be seen in Mitchiner (1991:962 fig. 3001-3002).

Dimensions: diameter: 31.93mm; weight: 15.77g.

Mitchiner (1991:962) writes "The commercial seals of Aachen illustrate another class of export trade in which the market destination included both England and France. These Aachen seals were used by metal workers and they have no links with the textile industry."

Sabatier (1912:452) writes "The emblems engraved on the reverse of these documents, surely demonstrates that these lead seals with rings were commercial seals. They were fixed to the strings of bales, or to the cauldrons, themselves."

Reference: Mitchiner, M., 1991 Jetons, Medalets and Tokens: The Low Countries and France London : Hawkins Publications

Class: Commercial

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 1500

Date to: Circa AD 1600

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Weight: 15.77 g

Diameter: 31.93 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: [Southwark](#) (London Borough)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TQ3479

Four figure Latitude: 51.49407113

Four figure longitude: -0.07113608

1:25K map: TQ3479

1:10K map: TQ37NW

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Fieldwalking

General landuse: Open fresh water

Specific landuse: Running water