

PIPE (SMOKING)

Unique ID: DEV-124273

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete Post-Medieval to Modern clay tobacco-pipe, probably dating to AD 1787- c. 1807. The surviving portion consists of roughly 50% of the bowl, it's juncture with the pipe as well as the pointed spur. The bowl was originally moulded in two parts and later joined, with the longitudinal seems running along the inside and outside joins of the bowl decorated with moulded foliate decoration. The spur features no maker's marks. The surviving face of the bowl is decorated with a depiction of a male figure kneeling left, bound in chains and with with hands raised in prayer.

Dimensions: Height 39.1mm; length 34.4mm; diameter of stem 8.7mm; width of bowl 21.2mm; weight 5.80g.

The depiction on the bowl is most likely that of an African slave, imitating the design of the prominent ceramic '*Am I not a man and Brother?*' medallion produced by Josiah Wedgwood for the Society of the Abolition of Slavery in 1787. The object therefore likely dates to between 1787 and 1807, although the device continued in use, for example by the Women's abolition movement in the 1830s (Guyard 2000). Similar pipes commemorating the battle of Trafalgar were excavated in Poole (Horsey 1992: 170, nos. 145-146), dated to 1805.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: MODERN

Date from: Exactly AD 1787

Date to: Circa AD 1807

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 34.4 mm

Height: 39.1 mm

Thickness: 8.7 mm

Weight: 5.8 g

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC receipt: 017615

Materials and construction

Primary material: Ceramic

Completeness: Fragment

Spatial metadata

County or Unitary authority: [Devon](#) (County)

District: [Exeter](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Newtown](#) (District Ward)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SX9293

Four figure Latitude: 50.72655067

Four figure longitude: -3.5315075

1:25K map: SX9293

1:10K map: SX93SW

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Gardening

General landuse: Other

Specific landuse: Garden

Guyatt, M., 2000 [*The Wedgwood Slave Medallion Values in Eighteenth-century Design*](#) London: The Design History Society