

SEAL MATRIX

Unique ID: LIN-F325E6

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A medieval copper alloy seal matrix. The seal has a hexagonally faceted stem which tapers and rises to a collared lozenge shaped suspension loop. The shank flares at the base to form a circular seal. The back of the seal is decorated with six shield (or leaf) shaped panels. The face of the seal is decorated with an angel holding a shield. The angel has large folded wings that extend to either side of the head. The shield comprises a row of three lis at the top, a row of three martlets across the centre, and a row of three lis at the base. A banner with two folds runs across the top. Malcolm Jones kindly comments that the legend probably reads:

'S' fris (with a contraction mark over the i for the missing -atr-) petri clu/uere, which translates as 'S(eal) of Brother Peter Culver. Malcolm notes that the surname has contemporary attestations, including:

Cluer [in origin French, occupational, < clou-eur, 'nailer, nail-maker']

DBS - s.n. Clower - gives William le Cloer Somerset 1201; Stephen le cloer London 1292;

Culver [OE, ME = 'dove']

Thomas Colvere 1221 Worcs [OES]

John Culware 1327 Glos [MED]

Notes:

Images sent by finder.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1200

Date to: Circa AD 1400

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Height: 30 mm

Diameter: 34 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 1st July 2018 - Sunday 8th July 2018

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [East Midlands](#) (European Region)

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

District: [Boston](#) (District)

To be known as: near Boston

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land