BOOK FITTING

Unique ID: SF-AD95E2

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete copper-alloy Medieval book clasp with integral forked spacer, dating to the period AD 1300-1450. It consists of a tapering integral forked spacer ending with a pierced oval plano-convex element. The latter has a pierced terminal set at right angle; the terminal is incomplete and is probably moulded in a form of a stylised animal head. Both faces of the forked spacer bear traces of soldering.

Cf Egan-Pritchard (1991, p. 154, no. 723). See parallel on PAS database: LON-1EFE7D.

The clasp would have been attached to a strap fixed to one cover of the book, and fitted over a peg mounted on the opposite cover (Egan, 1998, fig. 214). It is thought that the pierced terminal may have held a cord to help in removing the clasp from the peg (Egan, 1998, p. 278).

Length: 41.96 mm

Width: 17.65 mm

Thickness: 6.23 mm

Weight: 7.58 g

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL Period from: MEDIEVAL Period to: MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1300 Date to: Circa AD 1450

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Length: 41.96 mm Width: 17.65 mm Thickness: 6.23 mm Weight: 7.58 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 2nd March 2016

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: Finder's reference: Bay Thorne End, Field 1, no. 43.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: <u>Eastern</u> (European Region) County or Unitary authority: <u>Essex</u> (County) District: <u>Braintree</u> (District) To be known as: Bay Thorne end

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Centred on field Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land Specific landuse: Character undetermined