

DUBLIN CITY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ARCHIVE

Reference Code	DCAA.01.13
Title	36-39 James Street, Dublin 8 (01E1034)
Creation Dates	2001-2005
Level of Description	Collection
Extent and Medium	4 boxes, 1 outsize folder
Creators	Margaret Gowen & Co. Ltd.
Administrative/Biographical History	<p>Margaret Gowen & Co. Ltd., Rath House, Ferndale Road, Rathmichael, Co. Dublin, is a professional archaeological company founded in the early 1980s. The company has carried out numbers of archaeological excavations and development-led investigations arising from the requirements of development control and planning process, in line with legal provisions of the Planning and Development Acts (2000) and the National Monuments Acts (1930-2004) and Amendments Acts. The 36-39 James Street Collection is one of many site archives that has been generated through these development-led excavations.</p> <p>An archaeological assessment of the site was carried out on 22-23 April 2002. A second phase of archaeological assessment was carried out on 5-6 September 2002. The site was excavated in January-March 2003 in advance of the construction of three blocks of mixed residential and commercial use. The excavation was carried out for M & M Construction Ltd.</p> <p>The excavation covered 2 areas, 36-39 James Street frontage including the plots to the rear (Block A and B) and (Block C) at the rear of 39-44 James Street with access from Grand Canal Place.</p> <p>The excavation uncovered archaeological activity that ranged from medieval agriculture to eighteenth and nineteenth century industrial, most notable in Block C. Part of a nineteenth century tannery was excavated in the southern half of Block B. There were no features of archaeological significance in Block A and the rest of Block B.</p> <p>The medieval deposits on site consisted mainly of garden soils proving that the area was under cultivation from the thirteenth century. There is a lack of post-medieval features. The earliest industrial feature on the site are linear tanning-related pits. Two tan yards and a later bell foundry, all dating to the eighteenth- nineteenth century were excavated. A kiln, casting house, furnace and casting pits were also recorded. Finds included pottery, clay pipes, glass, floor and roof tiles, bottle-stoppers, galling pieces, bone objects, leather, textiles, metal finds and lead shot</p>
Archival History	Transferred by Margaret Gowen & Co. Ltd. To Dublin City Archives, 16 October 2009
Scope and Content	This collection contains archaeological excavation records from the site 36-39 James Street, Dublin 8, by Abi Cryerhall. Includes feature sheets, finds sheets, context sheets, timber sheets, sample sheets, reports, licences, registers, notebook, administrative material, map, correspondence, CD, photographs, plans and drawings.

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Appraisal destruction and scheduling information

Accruals

Arrangement

Collection processed and box lists created by Niamh Collins. Arranged according to document type.

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Finding Aid

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Related Material

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Publication Note

Notes

Archivist's Note

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Rules or Conventions

ISAD(G): General International Standards Archival Description. 2nd ed.
Ottawa: International Council on Archives, 2000

Dates of Description

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