

DUBLIN CITY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ARCHIVE

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Title	Winetavern Street/Wood Quay (93E0024)
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Level of Description	Collection
Extent and Medium	2 Boxes
Creators	Dr. Andrew Halpin
Administrative/Biographical History	Dr Andrew Halpin was Archaeologist with Dublin Corporation from 1991 to 1994. He is currently Assistant Keeper, Irish Antiquities Division, National Museum of Ireland.

The archaeological excavation on this site began in January 1993 and was commissioned and funded by Dublin Corporation. The excavation was the result of the proposed building of a new car park for the Civic Offices at Wood Quay, Dublin. The archaeological excavations revealed evidence of 13th century waterfront activity. It also confirmed the status of Winetavern Street as a major bustling routeway in the 12th and 13th centuries. Daily life was represented by the abundance of locally made pottery, as well as foreign imports of English, French and German origin. The numerous leather finds, wooden artefacts etc. provide great insight into life in Dublin during the medieval period.

The site lies within the area of 13th century reclamation largely excavated by P.F. Walalce of the National Museum of Ireland. Part of the area had previously been excavated by A.B. O'Riordain, also for the National Museum of Ireland.

The site was divided into two areas, Area I to the west, and, Area II to the east. Area I was excavated first and this proved to be by far the smaller area. A large trench occupied the full width of Area I and had removed all archaeological deposits apart from a small area to the south. In Area II archaeological deposits survived across the full width of the cutting.

This was a typical 'rescue' excavation, taking place in response to the archaeological implications of the construction of the Civic Offices, rather than being a planned excavation driven by particular archaeological research objectives however it has produced results which can justifiably be described as both significant and as new, even within the restricted context of the history of the development of Dublin's medieval waterfront.

Archival History Scope and Content

Transferred by Dr. Andrew Halpin to Dublin City Archives on 07 August
This collection contains archaeological excavation records from the site Winetavern Street/Wood Quay , licence 93 E 0024, by Dr. Andrew Halpin on behalf of Dublin Corporation. Includes context sheets and registers, site and finds drawings, reports on dendrochronology, finds, soil samples, geology, conservation, boat and ship timbers, photographs, maps, plans, blueprints and a published final report.

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