

DUBLIN CITY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ARCHIVE

Reference Code	DCAA.01.07
Title	Assay Office, Dublin Castle (06E0530)
Creation Dates	2006
Level of Description	Collection
Extent and Medium	3 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.</p> <p>The archaeological excavation at this site began on 12 September 2006 and ended on 22 December 2006. The excavation was undertaken prior to the redevelopment of the Assay Office, a former military building located just inside the Ship Street Gate of Dublin Castle. The building has been used by the Company of Goldsmiths of Dublin since 1925 and the archaeological work was undertaken prior to the conservation and extension of the structure. The work resulted in the hand excavation of the basement spaces under the building and a separate exterior area to the west, down to the formation level of the new build.</p> <p>The excavation site lay just to the south of the river Poddle as it effectively formed the moat of the Castle; the Birmingham Tower; the south-western corner of the medieval castle was located just to the northeast.</p> <p>Structural evidence was recorded for amongst other things the medieval reclamation and cultivation of the area, a medieval channel or trench running parallel to the Poddle, a later property division over the channel and an eighteenth-century brick latrine. Evidence for the formation level of Buckridge's Court was recorded along with other structural fragments pre-dating the military development of the site c.1808.</p> <p>The artefactual assemblage consisted mostly of pottery spanning the medieval and post medieval periods, several fragments of ceramic floor tiles and various metal objects.</p>
Archival History	Transferred by Margaret Gowen & Co. Ltd. To Dublin City Archives, 25 September 2009
Scope and Content	The collection contains archaeological excavation records from the site Assay Office, Dublin Castle, licence 06E0530, directed by archaeologist Franc Myles of Margaret Gowen & Co. Ltd. Includes feature sheets, sample sheets, section register, plan register, feature register, sample register, small finds register, drawing register, pottery register, final report, specialist reports, administrative material (correspondence, minutes of meetings etc), site notebooks, conservation records, site matrixes, technical drawings, photographs, maps, drawings and plans

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Appraisal destruction and scheduling information

Accruals

Arrangement

Collection processed and box lists created by Paul Brett. Arranged according to document type.

Access Conditions

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English

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Finding Aid

Box list in reading room and below

Existence of copies/originals

Related Material

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Publication Note

Notes

Archivist's Note

Paul Brett

Rules or Conventions

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

Dates of Description

23/10/2009