

DUBLIN CITY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ARCHIVE

Reference Code DCAA.01.14

Title Longford Street, Little, Dublin 2 (00E0137)

Creation Dates 2000-2001

Level of Description Collection

Extent and Medium 2 boxes, 1 outsize folder
Creators Margaret Gowen & Co. Ltd.

Administrative/Biographical History

Archival History

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 Longford Street, Little, Collection is one of many site archives that has been generated through these development-led excavations.

The site was tested in 2000 and was fully excavated in 2001 in advance of the construction of a shelter and hostel by the Salvation Army. The excavation was carried for Kavanagh Mansfieds, architects for the salvation army.

The excavation took place on the site of a proposed Salvation Army Hostel on a property bounded by Longford Street Little to the South, Digges Lane to the east, Dawson Court to the north, and the rear of Nos. 8, 9, 9A, and 10 Aungier Street to the west. The site was most recently a car park.

The earliest phase identified on the site is possibly pre-Norman, and is characterised by a rough stone surface and curving, stepped ditch. In the late twelfth century a new north-south boundary was introduced to the site. This layout may have continued until the mid-fifteenth century. The boundary has disappeared by c.1610. The site was acquired and developed by Francis Aungier in the 1660s, as evidenced by the introduction of a series of properties fronting onto Aungier Street. In the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, new properties fronted onto Longford Street Little. These merged into a single property in the twentieth century. In the twentieth century the buildings on the site were demolished and the site was used as a truck depot and carpark.

Finds included a fragment of a possible Hiberno-Scandinavian roof tile, sherds of Dublin-type wares, Saintonge Sgraffito, clay pipe fragments, glass bead, copper alloy disc (possibly a coin), animal bone, a nail, floor tiles, glass, a possible tuyere, fragments of Saintonge green glaxed wares and Ham Green wares, copper alloys, a fragment of a human femur, and a (fake?) porcelain tea bowl of Chenghua, of the Ming Dynasty (1465-1487)

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Scope and Content This collection contains archaeological excavation records from the site



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Longford Street, Little, Dublin 2, by John O'Neill. Includes reports, licences, conservation records, notebook, feature sheets, context sheets, finds register, pottery archive, maps, correspondence, plans, drawings, x-rays and

photographs

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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Language English

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Finding Aid Box list in reading room and below

Existence of copies/originals

Related Material DCAA

Publication Note Database of Irish excavations reports, www.excavations.ie

Notes

Archivist's Note Niamh Collins

Rules or Conventions ISAD(G): General International Standards Archival Description. 2nd ed.

Ottawa: International Council on Archives, 2000

Dates of Description 07-09/09/2010