

DUBLIN CITY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ARCHIVE

Reference Code	DCAA.01.32
Title	Temple Bar Redevelopment Collection
Creation Dates	1987-1996
Level of Description	Collection
Extent and Medium	1 box
Creators	Margaret Gowen and Co Ltd
Administrative/Biographical History	Margaret Gowen & Co. Ltd. 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.

This collection encompasses a number of archaeological assessments and investigations carried out by Margaret Gowen & Co. Ltd. in the Temple Bar area between 1987 and 1996. These were implemented as part of the large scale redevelopment in the area from the late 1980s onwards. Prior to this an ambitious plan to construct a vast central bus station had been in place. To this end Córas Iompair Éireann (CIE) began to purchase properties in the area in the 1970s and renting them out cheaply. This brought a vibrant community of artists and musicians to Temple Bar and a popular movement against the proposed central station began to emerge, backed by politicians such as Charles Haughey. By the late 1980s/early 1990s the plans were scrapped and the Temple Bar Area Renewal and Development Act was enacted in 1991. This led to the founding of Temple Bar Renewal Ltd. and Temple Bar Properties Ltd. in 1991, which were tasked with overseeing the urban renewal of the area. A Tax Incentive Scheme, under the Finance Act 1991, was also implemented to encourage the regeneration of the area.

This collection reflects some of the archaeological investigations which were carried out in advance of the redevelopment of Temple Bar. These include Excavation Licence Nos.

92E0090; 92E0155; 92E0156; 92E0157; 92E0158; 92E0196; 93E0037; 93E0170; 93E0196 and sites at Fownes Street Lower, Fownes Street Upper, Parliament Street, Essex Street East, Essex Street West, Wellington Quay, Dame Street, Fleet Street, Essex Gate and Exchange Street Lower.

Also included is an investigation of seven sites, called the "West End", or Western Sector, Temple Bar. These sites are as follows: Site 1: Corporation car park, fronting onto Exchange Street Upper Site 2: Corporation car park, bounded by the western end of Essex Street West and Fishamble Street Site 3: 8-10 Exchange Street Lower Site 4: Mobile Library park on Essex Street West. Site 5: Kennan's Engineering Works on Fishamble Street Site 6: Corporation car park bounded by Fishamble Street and the western end of Exchange Street Lower Site 7: Corporation car park, 18-24 Exchange Street Lower.

References:

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Online references:

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(all accessed on 26 Nov 2013)

Archival History	Transferred to DCAA from the Dept. of Environment 2010
Scope and Content	The collection contains archaeological records from a number of sites in the Temple Bar area, carried out as part of the redevelopment of Temple Bar in the late 1980s - 1990s. The collection consists primarily of reports including archaeological assessments, test-trenching reports, monitoring reports, excavation reports, geo-technical and bore-hole reports and clay pipe reports. The collection also includes a small amount of administrative material and architects/engineers drawings.
Appraisal destruction and scheduling information	
Accruals	
Arrangement	Collection processed and box lists created by Noelle Mitchell. Arranged chronologically and according to document type.
Access Conditions	Available for public inspection immediately
Reproduction	Photocopies provided for research purpose only. Publishing by written permission from Margaret Gowen & Co. Ltd.
Language	English
Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements	
Finding Aid	Box list in reading room and below
Existence of copies/originals	
Related Material	DCAA.01.27
Publication Note	Database of Irish Excavations Reports, www.excavations.ie .
Notes	This collection is linked to the Temple Bar West Collection (DCAA.01.27)
Archivist's Note	Noelle Mitchell
Rules or Conventions	ISAD(G): General International Standards Archival Description. 2nd ed.
Dates of Description	26 Nov 2013