

## DUBLIN CITY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ARCHIVE

<b>Reference Code</b>	DCAA.01.01
<b>Title</b>	119-121 Thomas Street (96E280) Collection
<b>Creation Dates</b>	1997
<b>Level of Description</b>	Collection
<b>Extent and Medium</b>	13 folders and 3 slide boxes
<b>Creators</b>	Margaret Gowen & Co. Ltd.
<b>Administrative/Biographical History</b>	<p>Margaret Gowen &amp; 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 119-121 Thomas Street Collection is one of many site archives that has been generated through this development-led excavations.</p> <p>The archaeological excavation on this site took place between November and December 1996 as part of the site clearance works. The work onsite resulted from an initial assessment carried out by Margaret Gowen (Excavations 1995, 22-3) and three phases of archaeological activity were recorded, medieval, early post-medieval and late post-medieval.</p> <p>In the medieval phase, a large number of medieval pits were cut into the natural gravel deposits across the site. The pits were sealed by a spread of medieval clay, with which areas of burning were associated. These features are likely to relate to 'industrial activity' outside the town wall, tentatively dated to the thirteenth/fourteenth century. The finds included a substantial quantity of medieval pottery, a ring-brooch, a belt buckle and a decorated leather scabbard. In the early post-medieval phase, a number of post medieval features were recorded overlying the cut into the medieval features on the site. These included two wells, pits and a deposit of clay. The activity is related to domestic dwellings fronting onto Thomas Street, which was well developed by the early seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.</p> <p>The site was substantially altered in the nineteenth century by the construction of the Blanchardstown Mills and by the alteration and rebuilding of houses and shops fronting onto Thomas Street. This involved a reduction in ground level and the removal of archaeological deposits to varying degrees across the site.</p>
<b>Archival History</b>	Transferred by Margaret Gowen & Co. Ltd. To Dublin City Archives, 27 March 2009
<b>Scope and Content</b>	The collection contains archaeological excavation records from the site 119-121 Thomas Street, Dublin 8, licence 96E280, directed by archaeologist Edmond O'Donovan of Margaret Gowen & Co. Ltd. Includes context sheets; bone sheets; timber sheets, site registers; drawings of plans, sections, elevations, finds and timber; photographs of artefacts; excavation and artefact slides. The collection also contains licences; the excavation report edited for publication; and specialist reports on wood samples, pottery, dendrochronology, animal bones, insect remains and plant remains.

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### Appraisal destruction and scheduling information

#### Accruals

#### Arrangement

Box list supplied by Margaret Gowen & Co. Ltd. Arranged by document type.

#### Access Conditions

Available for public research 27 March 2012. During closure period available for research to Margaret Gowen & Co. Ltd.

#### Reproduction

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#### Language

English

#### Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Slide viewer needed

#### 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](http://www.excavations.ie)

#### Notes

#### Archivist's Note

Ulrika Nilsson, revised by Paul Brett

#### Rules or Conventions

ISAD (G): General International Standards Archival Description

#### Dates of Description

31 March 2009