

Clay Pipes from Kiltiernan, Co. Galway

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Kiltiernan (1950)

This year (1950) produced 7 pipe items, 5 bowls and 2 stems.

All the bowls are incomplete, 4 of them are 17th.Century in date, the 5th. bowl is late 19th.Century.

The Bowls:

E936:15 Incomplete bowl with a small spur, date c.1640-1670

E936:17 Incomplete bulbous bowl, base missing, dates c.1660-80

E936:21 Large flat-heeled bowl, with a Fleur de Lis heel stamp in relief, it dates c.1680-1710.

E936:16 Heel/Stem piece only, with in relief the number 18, or 81. This is the first time I've come across this type of stamp, and because the bowl is missing it is difficult to date, but it is probably c. mid 17th.Century.

E936:20 A 19th. Century bowl fragment, bearing the legend-
'Ireland for the Irish' date c.1860-1900.

There are twenty stem pieces and seven bowls or bowl fragments. The stem pieces are all seventeenth or early eighteenth century in date. One stem piece (E936:25; 1951) has decoration, typical of the early 18th. Century.

The Bowls

There are seven bowls, two complete and four incomplete. The two fragmentary pieces are 17th. Century in date, probably in the range 1640-1680. It is impossible to tell if they were spurred or flat-heeled. Two bowls were flat-heeled; one (E936:39; 1953) dates c.1670-1690. The second bowl (E936:40; 1953) dates c.1690 + Three bowls are spurred, one (E936:41; 1953) has a very small spur and only part of the bowl remaining, it dates c.1640-1680. The second spurred bowl (E936:346; 1953) also has a very small spur, it dates c.1640-1660. The third spurred bowl is the most complete, it is a large upright bowl, date c.1690-1720 (E936:24; 1951). The overall date range is 1640-1720.

Fig.1. No.1 is E936:15.

No.2 is E936:21.

No.3 is E936:16.

No.4 is E936:346

No.5 is E936:24

No.6 is E936:39

Site is on O.S. 6" 103, Co.Galway (SMR No.139) A Monastic Site.

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