

Clay Pipes from Skeam West, Co. Cork

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The total number of pipes recovered was 12, which broke down as follows-

Complete Bowl	1	
Incomplete Bowl	1	
Stems	10	which included 2 Heel/Stems, 2 Spur/Stems.
		6 plain stems and 1 bowl fragment

All the pipe pieces are of 17th. Century date.

The complete bowl <E573:67> is early in date, c.1640-1660 <Oswald Type 5 >

The incomplete bowl is a large flat-heeled type of c.1680-1710. <E573:70>

One of the heel/stem pieces <E573:68> has a base stamp, a Fleur de Lis with the initials NC in relief on the base.

This stamp has been found on pipes from mainly Southern or South Western areas. It is probably a local Irish pipe of c.1660-1690.^{1.2.}

The date range for this material is c.1640-1700.

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