

Record Series #: 1121-034
Name: City of Savannah, Research Library & Municipal Archives
Archaeological Artifacts: Cloverdale Waste Water Sewer
System Project
Dates: circa 1850-circa 1916, no date
Extent/Size: 1 archival box (0.5 cubic feet)
Language: English

Scope and Content:

Record Series 1121-024, City of Savannah, Research Library & Municipal Archives Archaeological Artifacts: Cloverdale Waste Water Sewer System Project (circa 1850-circa 1916, no date), includes six glass and stoneware bottles recovered in 1988 by contractors working for the City of Savannah on the Cloverdale Waste Water Sewer System. City staff and contractors involved on the project were instructed to deliver any archaeological artifacts they discovered to the City Preservation Officer, at the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Commission (MPC). CFW Construction Co. found items in the vicinity of Price Street and Maupas Avenue, and EMC Engineering found items at the pump station at 26 Stiles Avenue. Several of the bottles are fully intact and several have distinctive markings, including one marked "QUINAN & STUDER 1888 SAVANNAH GA" and another marked "A.W. MEYER 1885 SAVANNAH GA."

System of Arrangement and Ordering:

See attached inventory.

Conditions Governing Access:

None

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use:

Please read carefully the statement on copyright below. **Permission to reproduce does not constitute permission to publish.** Researchers who plan publication are asked to discuss this with the archivist first for written permission. While most of the City of Savannah, Research Library and Municipal Archives collections are public records and in the public domain, not all are, and the Library and Archives may not be the owner of copyright for all its archival materials. Researchers are responsible for obtaining any necessary permission to publish from the holder of copyright. In the event that the Library and Archives becomes a source for publication, a copy of the publication is requested for the Library and Archives.

NOTICE: WARNING CONCERNING COPYRIGHT RESTRICTIONS

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material.

Under certain conditions specified in the law, libraries and archives are authorized to furnish a photocopy or other reproduction. One of these specified conditions is that the photocopy or reproduction is not to be "used for any purpose other than private study, scholarship, or research." If a user makes a request for, or later uses, a photocopy or reproduction for purposes in excess of "fair use," that user may be liable for copyright infringement.

This institution reserves the right to refuse to accept a copying order if, in its judgment, fulfillment of the order would involve a violation of copyright law.

Access Points:

A. W. Meyer (Savannah, Ga.)
J. Bourne and Son's (Denby, England)

Murray and Buchan (Portobello, Scotland)
P. and J. Arnold (London, England)
Quinan and Studer (Savannah, Ga.)

Preferred Citation:

Record Series 1121-034, Research Library & Municipal Archives, Archaeological Artifacts: Cloverdale Waste Water Sewer System Project. City of Savannah, Research Library and Municipal Archives, Savannah, Georgia.

Transferred from:

Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission, January 8, 2013.

Processed by:

L. Spracher, June 2013.

Inventory:

Note: The following items were delivered to the City Preservation Officer in two batches by CFW Construction Co., March 25, 1988 (from the vicinity of Price Street and Maupas Avenue), and EMC Engineering Serv., April 8, 1988 (from the pump station at 26 Stiles Avenue). There is no documentation available to indicate which items were recovered from which of the two sites.

Box 1121-034-2

Item #1121-034-2.1



Description: Blown in mould green glass bottle with applied lip

Date: no date

Markings: none

Dimensions: 7 inches tall; 3 inches diameter; base 2 ¼ inches diameter

Condition: Fully intact; excellent

Item #1121-034-2.2



Description: Green glass soda or mineral water bottle

Date: 1888

Markings: "QUINAN & STUDER 1888 SAVANNAH GA" on side

Dimensions: 7 ½ inches tall; 2 ½ inches diameter

Condition: Fully intact; excellent

Notes: The firm of Quinan & Studer, manufacturers of soda and mineral waters, was active in Savannah in only 1888 at 110-112 Broughton Street. Quinan & Studer, the partnership of Michael T. Quinan and Victor S. Studer, succeeded the firms John Ryan, F. Meincke and Ray & Quinan, at the same location. On February 5, 1888, the firm of Ray & Quinan dissolved and Quinan & Studer assumed all liabilities (*Savannah Morning News*, 2/5/1888, adv, pg. 2, col. 6). On February 14, 1888, Quinan & Studer published an advertisement claiming ownership of all soda water bottles bearing the names of John Ryan, James Ray, F. Meincke, Meincke & Ebberwein, M. T. Quinan, H. Schmidlmann, N. W. James Redmond, and John Collier (*Savannah Morning News*, 2/14/1888, adv, pg. 2, col. 6). Quinan & Studer appears to have dissolved by 1889, when Quinan was clerking for Smith Bros. grocer and Studer was working as a steward at the Harmonie Club. Sources: *Savannah Morning News* Index and Savannah City Directories 1884-1893, Georgia Historical Society.

Item #1121-034-2.3



Description: Green glass soda or mineral water bottle

Date: 1885

Markings: "A. W. MEYER 1885 SAVANNAH GA." on side

Dimensions: 7 inches tall; 2 ½ inches diameter

Condition: Broken at top; good

Notes: August W. Meyer was a manufacturer of soda and mineral water at 227 Duffy Street. According to the Savannah City Directories, he was a grocery clerk in 1885 and worked for H. F. Lubs & Co., grocer, in 1886. From 1889 through 1891 he is listed as a soda and mineral water manufacturer.

Sources: Savannah City Directories 1883-1893, Georgia Historical Society.

Item #1121-034-2.4



Description: Clear glass medicine or extract bottle; oval shape with flattened side

Date: no date

Markings: Raised open triangle on bottom

Dimensions: 6 ½ inches tall; 2 ¾ inches by 1 ¾ inches base

Condition: Fully intact; excellent

Item #1121-034-2.5



Description: Stoneware ginger beer bottle, two-tone with brown dip glazing at top

Date: circa 1867-1877

Markings: Impressed seal "MURRAY & BUCH[AN] POTTERY PORTOBELLO" with the number "2" impressed above on the lower side

Dimensions: 6 ¾ inches tall; 3 inches diameter

Condition: Broken at neck; good

Notes: Portobello was one of the main centers of ceramic production in Scotland. Alexander W. Buchan specialized in the production of utilitarian stoneware, taking over from a succession of firms. From circa 1867 until 1877, he was partnered with J. F. Murray.

Sources: Portobello Heritage Trust, "Portobello Pottery," online article available at <http://www.portobelloheritagetrust.co.uk/potterymanufacture.html> (last accessed 6/21/2013).

Item #1121-034-2.6



Description: Bottom of a salt-glazed vitreous stoneware master ink bottle

Date: circa 1850-1916

Markings: Partial impressed seal “ [?] DENBY [?] NEAR DERBY. P. & J. ARNOLD. LONDON.
ENGLAND.” on the lower side

Dimensions: 5 1/8 inches tall; 3 1/4 inches diameter

Condition: Broken fragment; good

Notes: J. Bourne [Joseph Bourne] and Son’s Pottery of Denby, England was active from circa 1850-1970. The manufactured master ink bottles for export for the firm of P. and J. Arnold [Pichard and John Arnold] of London, England (firm active starting in 1814). This bottle likely dates after 1896 when companies started putting the country of origin on items for export and before 1916 when J. Bourne & Son’s became J. Bourne & Son’s, Ltd.

Sources: “J. Bourne & Son Master Ink Bottles” online article available at <http://odysseyvirtualmuseum.com/products/J.-Bourne-&-Son-Master-Ink-Bottles.html> (last accessed 6/21/2013); Perry, Michael, “Denby Pottery - History” and “Denby Marks,” online articles available at <http://www.potteryhistories.com> (last accessed 6/21/2013); “Artifact is Unearthed at Site of New Museum Construction,” online article available at <http://www.sar.org/News/Artifact-Unearthed-Site-New-Museum-Construction> (last accessed 6/11/2013).