

## DUBLIN CITY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ARCHIVE

Reference Code	DCAA.01.33
Title	Christchurch Place Collection
Creation Dates	1989-1994
Level of Description	Collection
Extent and Medium	3 boxes
Creators	Margaret Gowen and Co Ltd
Administrative/Biographical History	<p>Margaret Gowen &amp; 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.</p> <p>Key words: Excavation Licence Numbers 92E0028, 93E0128, 93E0163, 94E0025; Viking; City Wall; Geneval's Tower; medieval</p> <p>This collection encompasses a number of archaeological assessments and investigations carried out in advance of the construction of Jury's Hotel, a carpark and an electricity sub-station at Christchurch Place, Dublin 8. This includes various phases of monitoring, test-trenching and excavation carried out under Excavation Licence Numbers 92E0028, 93E0128, 93E0163 and 94E0025 by Margaret Gowen &amp; Co. Ltd. between 1989 and 1994.</p> <p>The initial monitoring phase led to limited rescue excavations (Areas 1-4) and investigations to locate the line of the medieval City Wall. Further works on the uncovering of the medieval Geneval's (Geneville's) Tower were also carried out. Viking houses have been uncovered at the site.</p> <p>Previous work at the site was carried out from 1972 to 1976 by the National Museum of Ireland, under the supervision of Brendan O'Riordain. Further excavations were undertaken by Claire Walsh of Archaeological Projects Ltd. in 1993 under Licence Number 93E0010 (see DCAA.06.01).</p> <p>For further information on the archaeological investigations at the site see <a href="http://www.excavations">www.excavations</a> entries 1989:032, 1992:052, 1993:058, 1993:059, 1993:060 and 1994:087. For the National Museum of Ireland excavations see entries 1974:0014 and 1975:15.</p>
Archival History	Transferred to DCAA by Margaret Gowen in Apr 2014
Scope and Content	The collection contains records from archaeological investigations of a site at Christchurch Place, undertaken by Margaret Gowen, Alan Hayden and Linzi Simpson. These investigations supplied vital information on the Viking settlement of Dublin and the City Wall. Includes reports, correspondence, administrative material, a small number of site records, finds information, plans and photographs.

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### Appraisal destruction and scheduling information

#### Accruals

#### Arrangement

Collection processed and box lists created by Noelle Mitchell. Arranged by document type and chronologically.

#### Access Conditions

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#### Language

English

#### Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

#### Finding Aid

Box list in reading room and below

#### Existence of copies/originals

#### Related Material

DCAA.06.01, Christchurch Place Block C & DCAA09.01, City Wall at Wood Quay.

#### Publication Note

Database of Irish Excavations Reports, [www.excavations.ie](http://www.excavations.ie).

#### Notes

#### Archivist's Note

Noelle Mitchell

#### Rules or Conventions

ISAD(G): General International Standards Archival Description. 2nd ed.

#### Dates of Description

17 - 23 Apr 2014