

K1591 Condition Report

Conservation Started: 11/02/2016

Conservation Finished: 11/02/2016

Conservator: Lizzie Miller

Time Taken: 1 hour

Including digital photography, report, conservation and packing.

Dimensions: L. 18mm; W. 4mm; Th. edge 1mm; Wt. 0.35g

Weight before: 0.36g

Weight after: 0.35g

Catalogue number: 429

Digital photography:

Taken with a Keyence VHX-1000 3D digital microscope with LED and/or fibre optic lights (20-200x magnification). Taken before and after.

Annotation on any of the storage bags or boxes: None

Description: Visual and microscopic examination using Meiji stereo microscope 7-75x magnification

Mount in gold of rectangular form with filigree decoration. Probably a grip-fitting. Misshapen, probably curved originally. Made of sheet metal, with one fixing-hole each end; no nails/rivets. *Filigree:* band of C-scrolls in beaded wire; edge framed with thicker beaded wire. *Reverse:* plain. *Wear/marks:* moderate wear. Several scrolls lost or damaged. Fixing-holes ragged on the reverse, probably caused at removal. *Set:* pair with mount 428. (C. Fern)

Associated Objects: pair with K1429

Pre-Conservation Condition: Visual and microscopic examination using Meiji stereo microscope 7-75x magnification

Treatment: Carried out using a Meiji stereo microscope

Purpose: Study

Aim: Total cleaning

Materials: Soft natural/synthetic brushes, thorn in pin vice/holder, IMS on metals, cotton wool swabs, bamboo skewer

The object had clearly been cleaned in the past, but no documentation of this could be found. The remaining soil on the front, back and within the rivet holes was removed or reduced where possible using a fine thorn tip secured in a pin vice and a small pure bristle brush. IMS was used to soften the soil to facilitate removal. Loose particles of soil were then removed with a small swab of IMS.

Wrong paper K label on object (K1429) (-Chris Fern confirmed this) so removed this with acetone on cotton wool swab and adhered correct K label with 35% Paraloid B-72 (w/w) in acetone applied with a fine paintbrush.

The object is stored in a box with K1429

Post-Conservation Condition/Findings:

The condition of the object is the same as pre-conservation apart from removal of a small amount of soil.

Key Features:

Samples:

None