

Papers of the Interval

Aethelgard Roads, 1911–1954

Four items · loose papers, clipped as found

This small gathering of loose papers is privately held and does not form part of the public Committee series described in the Finding Aid to the 1908–9 season. It is added here as a separate, uncatalogued item, distinct in origin and in date from the four items the Finding Aid describes, and is presented as found: clipped, not bound, and not otherwise regularised.

The set concerns the storage, at Aethelgard Roads, of one crate consigned under bill of lading AR-1188 and containing objects 137, 137a, and 137b of the Survey's own field numbering — the case, limb assembly, and cord recovered from Chamber 3 at Site VO-7 on 3 February 1909. The object concerned is now held elsewhere, under a different numbering proper to that custody, and is not further identified in these papers, which predate and do not anticipate that later record.

The papers narrow, but do not close, a period for which no instrument is known to survive among any public or institutional record consulted by this cataloguer. A short interval remains unaccounted for even after this material is taken into account, and is left so here rather than supplied by conjecture.

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iv.	Covering memorandum	compiler unrecorded	n.d., after 1954

Kept apart from the Committee papers; consulted here against the Finding Aid's cataloguing conventions and, for the object's later record, against the Gallery Guide issued by the Verrick Museum of Antiquities for its 2026–27 loan exhibition. Neither institution has seen or received the present papers.

I

AETHELGARD ROADS BONDED STORES

Depot No. 4 · Register of Goods in Bond · extract, ff. 61–62

DATE	DESCRIPTION	ACTION	INIT.
1910 Dec. 3	1 crate, marked AR-1188, ex s.s. "Ondine". Contents per manifest: antiques, Permit 44/1907, objects 137/137a/137b.	Lodged in bond pending instructions of consignee, Messrs. Pallister & Rede, agents.	W.H.T.
1911 Jan. 9	Same. No instructions rec'd.	Rent pd. to Dec. 1911. — W.H.T.	W.H.T.
1912 Nov. 30	Rent renewed to Nov. 1913.	—	W.H.T.
1914 Dec. 2	Rent renewed to Nov. 1915.	—	W.H.T.
1916 Nov. 28	Rent renewed to Nov. 1917. War surcharge noted, see f. 63.	—	A.McQ.
1918 Dec. 5	Rent renewed to Nov. 1919.	—	A.McQ.
1921 Nov. 30	Rent renewed to Nov. 1922. No instructions rec'd.	—	A.McQ.
1924 Dec. 1	Rent renewed to Nov. 1925.	—	A.McQ.
1927 Nov. 29	Rent renewed to Nov. 1928.	—	R.J.P.
1930 Dec. 3	Rent renewed to Nov. 1931. No instructions rec'd.	—	R.J.P.
1933 Nov. 30	Rent renewed to Nov. 1934.	—	R.J.P.
1936 Dec. 4	Rent renewed to Nov. 1937. Enquiry noted & declined, see f. 64.	—	R.J.P.
1939 Nov. 27	Rent renewed to Nov. 1940.	—	R.J.P.
1942 Dec. 1	Rent renewed to Nov. 1943. Reduced staff; entry brief.	—	E.O.
1945 Nov. 30	Rent renewed to Nov. 1946.	—	E.O.
1948 Dec. 2	Rent renewed to Nov. 1949. No instructions rec'd.	—	E.O.
1951 Nov. 29	Rent renewed to Nov. 1952.	—	D.K.S.
1953 Nov. 30	Rent renewed to Nov. 1954.	—	D.K.S.
1954 Jan. 18	Depot 4 inundated, night of 14–15 Jan. Water to some three feet in the lower bond. Contents not yet surveyed.	Reported to Superintendent same day. Bond closed pending survey.	D.K.S.

Register continues, f. 63. This extract reproduces the entries touching crate AR-1188 only; intervening entries for other bonded lots are not transcribed here.

II

PRIVATE MEMORANDUM — NOT FOR CIRCULATION

kept in the writer's own letter-file

6 Nov. 1936.

I set this down for my own file only, and not for any client's eye. Foulkes mentioned to me again last week — the third time now — the matter of a large bow of unusual make, said to come out of the Western Desert some years since, presently lying in bond at Aethelgard Roads. He has it, he says, from a shipping clerk of his acquaintance, and no further than that; he could not, or would not, say whose bond it lies in, nor under what consignment, nor produce so much as a photograph.

I have told him, as I told him before, that I will not touch it. Not from any want of interest in the object itself, if it is what he says — I own I should like to have seen it — but because no one concerned in the matter can show a clear paper on it, and I do not care to be the man left holding an unentered crate should the true owner, whoever he is, ever come forward to claim it. There is also the small matter that the figure Foulkes named, on his own admission at second hand, is not a sensible one for a thing no one can produce a bill of lading for, let alone a title.

I do not say the thing is not there. I say only that I have declined to pursue it, and that I do not propose to raise it with Foulkes again unless he can bring me a name and a paper, neither of which he has offered.

H.P.

III

TYRRELL, VOSS & CO.*Average Adjusters · schedule of bonded goods affected by inundation · extract***Ref.** TV/1954/207 **Date.** 22 Jan. 1954 **Location.** Aethelgard Roads Bonded Stores, Depot 4**Occasion.** Inundation of the night of 14–15 Jan. 1954. Schedule prepared at the request of the underwriters concerned, pending survey.

LOT	MARKS	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
204	H.B. & Co.	14 cases, hardware & fittings	wetted; salvage expected
205	No. 6/T	Bales, cotton piece-goods (9)	total loss; condemned
206	AR-1188	1 crate, antiquities, Permit 44/1907 (contents not itemised to this office)	unrecovered; submerged; survey pending
207	P.R. 9	Casks, tallow (6)	part recovered; part condemned
208	No. 2/L	Cases, glassware & sundries (11)	wetted; survey pending

Lot 206 (marks AR-1188) is emphasised above for reference to this dossier only; no such emphasis appears in the original schedule.

The underwriters have deferred a decision upon the claim in respect of Lot 206 pending the outcome of a survey of Depot 4, no safe access having yet been obtained to the lower bond. This office is not instructed as to the ownership of the goods comprised in Lot 206 beyond the name of the bond in which they are held, and offers no view upon the point. Further report will follow upon survey.

IV

MEMORANDUM — FOR THE FILE

appended to the foregoing papers by a later hand; undated

These three papers came to me together, clipped as they are now, and I have not thought it my place to separate them. I add only this note, for whoever next has charge of the file.

The warehouse ledger's last entry, of January 1954, and the salvage record subsequently made public elsewhere in respect of the same depot, appear on their face to describe the same crate. I put it no more strongly than that; I have not attempted to establish the point further, and it is not for this note to do so.

It should be recorded plainly that nothing here accounts for the interval between the second paper, of 1936, and the flood which occasions the third and closes the first. Eighteen years remain unaccounted for by anything in this file, and I have found nothing elsewhere to fill them. I do not offer a view as to what, if anything, took place in that time.

— unsigned; initialled only, illegibly, in the corner.