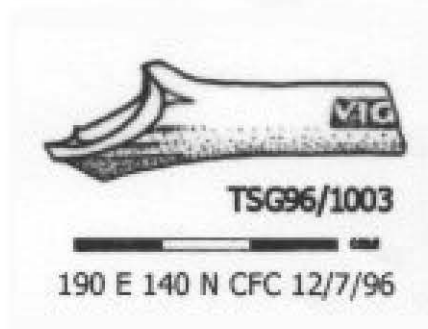


## PIPE FRAGMENT FROM TAS-SILG



Fragment of white pipe clay. Most of the bowl is missing, also part of the stem. There are moulded horizontal ridges ending in a point at the base of the bowl. The left hand stem has part of a moulded maker's mark, three letters are visible; probably V possibly followed by I C ...

Peter Hammond, committee member, Society for Clay Pipe Research kindly gave this assessment:

It looks English but I cannot positively identify this mark. If it is definitely 'VIC...' then ... I ... suggest (it) is something like 'VICTORIA'S REIGN' (1837-1901) or 'JUBILEE' (1897) though I do not have any pipes ... that exactly match this - or 'VICTORY....' if a regimental pipe. I assume there is nothing on the other side? It looks like it would have had a forward sloping spur. Always tantalising when they are so fragmentary. Could the 'V' be part of an 'M'?