A Black Mineral Amulet from Colchester’s North Cemetery

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APPENDIX 1

A brief biography of Henry Money

Henry Money’s place and year of birth are given as Beccles, Suffolk, 1835 in the Census records for 1851 to 1911 (except for the 1841 Census, which gives his year of birth as 1841, and the 1861 Census, which gives it as 1836 and in nearby Bungay), while the register of his death gives the year of his birth as 1834. The 1841 difference of year is probably a typographical error, and in 1861 he was boarding with a family in Guildhall Street in Bury St Edmunds, and would, for the first time, have been responsible for providing his own details.

After first working as a miller with his father, Joseph (1851 Census), he moved to Bury St Edmunds where he is listed as a corn merchant (1861 Census). He married Katharine Thirtle of Bury St Edmunds in December of that year, and between the birth of his third child in Halesworth, Suffolk, in 1869 and the time of the 1871 Census he had moved the family to Colchester. Still working as a corn merchant, he lived at 120 High Street in the parish of St Nicholas and employed six men. The family was still there for the 1881 Census, by which time he and Katharine had eight children between the ages of one and 17. By 1891 they had moved down to The Poplars on the north side of Factory Lane (formerly Dead, or Deadman’s Lane, later St Peter’s Street), and the Census gives his occupation as coal merchant. ‘Coal’ here is not an error for ‘corn’, but a real change of occupation probably prompted by the opportunities offered by late 19th-century house-building and a general rise in the number of manufacturing industries in the town (Cooper and Elrington 1994, 202–3). That year, Henry’s son Albert is described as an oil and coalman’s merchant.

In the 1901 Census the family’s address is given as 28 St Peter’s Street, presumably the same building as The Poplars. The house is no longer there, the east end of St Peter’s Street having been extensively redeveloped over the second half of the 20th and early 21st centuries. At this date, Henry, aged 66, is described as a brickfield maker. Katharine having died in 1909, by the 1911 Census he was a retired widower, living with his oldest daughter and youngest son at 28 St Peter’s Street. None of Henry’s sons is recorded as working in an occupation related to the brickfield in the 1911 Census, so there is no reason to suppose that the objects he sold to the Museum were found after he retired.

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