

CASILE ALICE PRIORY - LEATHER

(78)

Various fragments, about 13 in all, including:

- (1) Five pieces of strap, 11 - 15mm. wide and the longest c. 210mm. No decorative or other distinguishing features.
  - (2) A fragment of upper lasting margin (or stiffener) with grain/flesh holes, stitch length 7.5mm. This suggests the welted construction rather than a turnshoe.
  - (3) A fragment of lasting margin c. 7mm. long with stitch holes similar to (2)
  - (4) A tapered thong, length 230mm., possibly an instep tie lace.
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- (5) Turnshoe sole or welted insole - forepart minus the toe, waist and seat. It has marginal edge/flesh stitches, stitch length 8.0mm. in a clearly defined channel on the flesh side and a very narrow waist. These features could occur on a late 15th or early 16th century welted insole but the slight wear on the outside corner of the heel seat and the general curvature of the specimen (grain side convex) suggest a turnshoe sole. The toe end being missing prevents accurate fashion dating (pointed toes tended to become round and wide after c. 1470). There are nail holes across the waist indicating the addition of a repair clump. L: 230mm., W (forepart): 80mm.; W (waist): 23mm. W (seat): 45mm.
- (Draw - fleshside up)
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- (6) Waist only of a welted insole or turnshoe sole; small pieces of forepart and seat remain; very deteriorated. There are traces of an edge/flesh seam. May be part of the fellow to (5)
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- (7) Sole forepart fragment, oval shape c. 120mm. x 92mm., with a clear impression of a round-toed forepart repair clump and a scatter of nail holes. It is probably the original forepart of (6) to which a repair was added.
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- (8) Repair clump, fragmentary, with the traces of the tunnel through which stitches held it to the original sole round the margin and nail or stitch across the waist edge.
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- (9) Several fragments of sole and upper including one triangular piece with a scalloped edge, stitch length 6.0mm.
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- (10) A piece of lasting margin, stitch length 5.0mm.
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- (11) A circular washer or toggle, with a small central hole. D: 45mm.

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