SAMPLE ID:
MRA-IRL- Hol001

SAMPLE TYPE:
Mural painting
(Sub-Type: fragment)

DIMENSIONS:
5.2 cm L x 6.6 cm W x 1.8 cm H  (largest fragment)
1 cm L x 0.5 cm W x 0.1 cm H  (smallest fragment)

WEIGHT:
128.8 g  (all fragments together)

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION:
Country  Ireland
Place   Holycross

SITE/MONUMENT:
Holy Cross Abbey

HISTORICAL NOTE ABOUT THE SITE/MONUMENT:
The Holy Cross Abbey is a Cistercian complex founded in around 1180. It rose to prominence among pious Catholics when it was rebuilt as a home for a relic of the Holy Cross, brought to the Abbey by Plantagenet Queen Isabella of Angoulême around the year 1233. The Gothic church of
Holy Cross abbey is cruciform with a belfry, ribbed stone vaulted ceilings, and a mural painting depicting a hunting scene (likely completed in the 15th century). The abbey fell into grave disrepair in the 17th century following the Cromwellian war. It was restored in the 1960s and 70s and is presently in active use.

Further reading:

**CHRONOLOGICAL PERIOD (SAMPLE):**
12th century

**PHOTOS/DOCUMENTS (PROVENANCE):**

Gothic window at Holy Cross Abbey (photo by Joseph...
Cloisters of Holy Cross Abbey (photo by Heribert Bechen, https://www.flickr.com/photos/hb1248/28260285365 / CC BY-SA 2.0)