

# A Gazetteer of the Late Saxon and Medieval Objects in the Department of Antiquities, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford

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**A**LTHOUGH in no way a substitute for a full catalogue, a gazetteer of the 9th to 15th century archaeological objects in the Ashmolean Museum may be useful as a geographical guide to the Department of Antiquities' collections. The lists include only registered objects at present in the museum, and not material from unpublished excavations stored here. The list has been coded for ease of reference. Some objects included may be post-Medieval. Unprovenanced material does not, of course, appear.

Material from Oxford has been plotted onto a map (FIG. 1), and a list of the site numbers is kept in the museum. Few sites are exactly located in the museum's archives, and the position of the numbers is therefore approximate only. Numbers in the middle of streets may indicate discoveries made during digging for service trenches, or may illustrate vague entries like 'found in George Street'. The map is strictly a gazetteer of the museum's registered collection, and so gives no information about the number of objects from each site, and is in no way a guide to the known excavations in the city. Objects recorded in the accessions book which cannot now be identified have been omitted.

A more complete catalogue of floor tiles from outside the Oxford area follows the gazetteer.

## CODE

- A Pottery.
- B Small metal objects : harness pendants, personal fittings, etc.
- C Metal implements.
- D Bone or ivory implements.
- E Stone implements.
- F Weapons.
- G Riding Equipment.
- H Seals, impressions, etc.
- I Glass.
- J Metal Vessels.
- K Ecclesiastical fittings.
- L Sculptures, etc.
- M Floor tiles.
- N Miscellaneous.

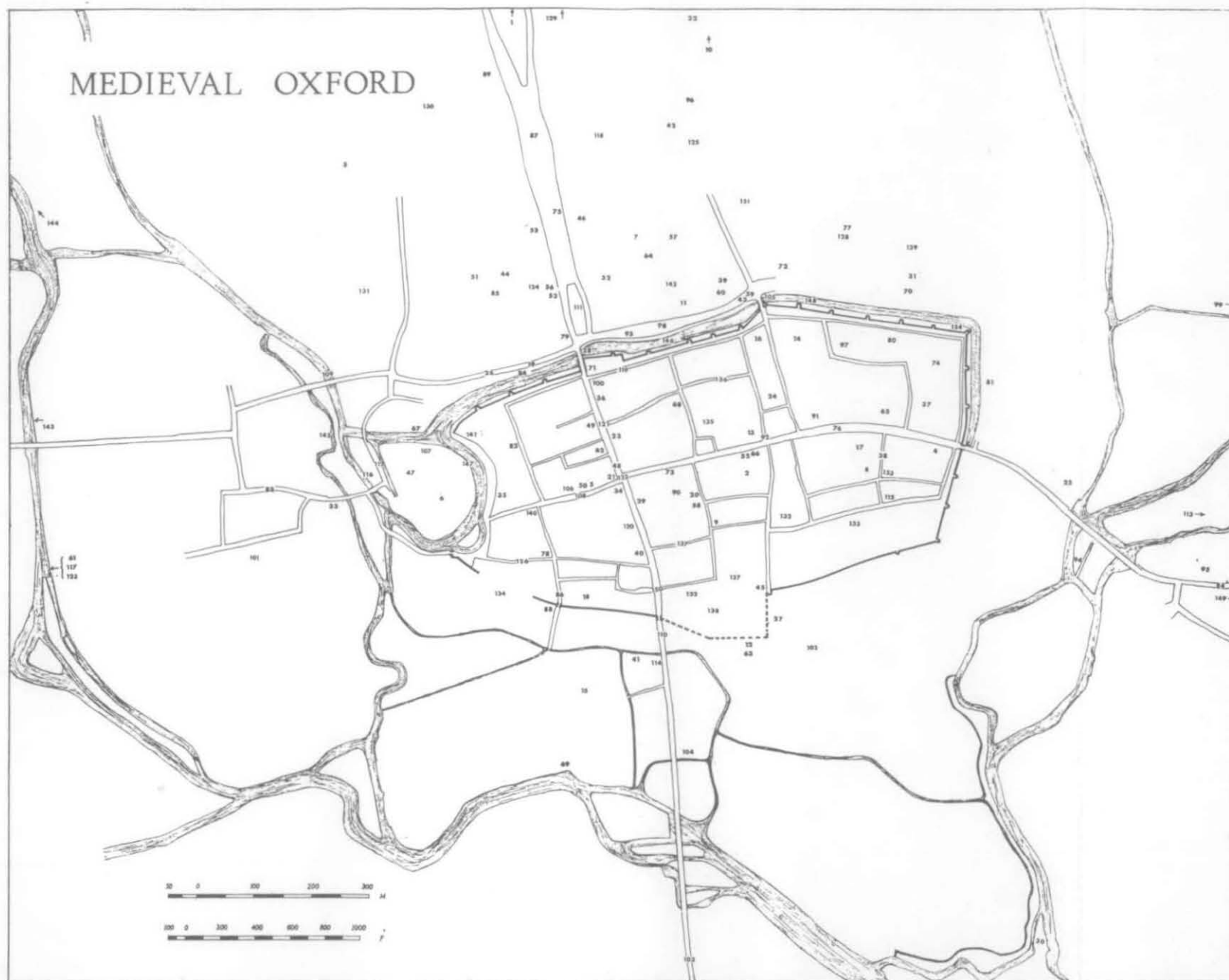


FIG. 1

Map of Medieval Oxford. Numbers indicate find-spots of Ashmolean Medieval objects. Map by courtesy of the Oxford Archaeological Excavation Committee.

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BERKSHIRE

Abingdon—A, B, C, E, F, M ; Aston Tirrold—F ; Bagley Wood—A, M ; Bessels Leigh—A ; Blewbury—C ; Buckland—B ; Chawley—A ; Childrey—A ; Cumnor—A ; Didcot—C ; Drayton—B, F ; East Garston—B ; Fyfield—C ; Faringdon—A, B, and finds from 1937-9 excavations ; Great Coxwell—A ; Harwell—C ; Hatford—E ; Hinton Waldrist—A ; Kintbury—A ; Lambourne—B, C, F ; Long Wittenham—A, B, F, H ; Longworth—A, F ; North Hinksey—C, D ; Radley—C, H ; Reading—M ; Seacourt—finds from 1959-60 excavations ; Sunningwell—A ; Tubney—A ; Uffington—B ; Watchfield—A ; Wallingford—A, C, H ; Windsor—F, N.

BEDFORDSHIRE

Dunstable—B ; Shefford—E.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Brill—A ; Marlowe—G ; Notley—C ; Olney Hyde—A ; Winslow—C.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Barton—B ; Barnwell—D ; Cambridge—B, C, G ; Harlton—D, E ; Haslingfield—A, B, C, D, G ; Malton—B, E ; Isle of Ely—B ; unrecorded parish—D.

CORNWALL

Lelant—A.

DERBYSHIRE

Hopton—C.

DEVONSHIRE

Tavistock—H.

DORSET

Abbotsbury—M ; Dorchester—B ; Forde—M ; unrecorded parish—I.

ESSEX

Brightlingsea—B ; Colchester—B, C, N ; Great Coggeshall—B ; Greenstead—K ; Ilford—C.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Cirencester—B, C, D, E, G, M ; Deerhurst—L ; Downington (nr. Lechlade)—A ; Eastleach—A ; Fairford—B ; Gloucester—B, C, H, I ; Kingsholm (Gloucester)—H ; Lechlade—A ; Prestbury—A ; Whittington—A.

HAMPSHIRE

Bossington—B ; Selborne—M ; Silchester—B, C.

HERTFORDSHIRE

Boxmoor—B ; Chipperfield—B ; Hemel Hempstead—A ; St. Albans—B.

KENT

Ash—B ; Canterbury—B, H, K, N ; Deal—L ; Dover—C ; Eltham—M ; Maidstone—G ; unrecorded parish—B.

LANGASHIRE

Cuerdale—B.

## LEICESTERSHIRE

Bosworth—B ; Leicester—E, H ; Sutton Cheney—B ; unrecorded parish—B.

## LINCOLNSHIRE

Horncastle—B.

## LONDON

Bishopsgate Street—C ; Blackfriars—B ; Blomfield Street—G ; City Bank—A ; City Ditch—J ; Fenchurch Street—D ; Fleet Ditch—A ; Fulbrook—N ; George Street—B ; Golden Lane—A ; Grays Inn Lane—A ; Ratcliffe Highway—B ; Runnymede—F ; Tokenhouse Yard—M ; unrecorded sites—A, B, C, D, H.

## MIDDLESEX

Enfield—B.

## NORFOLK

Brettenham—B ; Caistor by Norwich—B ; Norwich—C ; Thetford—A, B ; unrecorded parish—J.

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Brackley—F ; Lyveden—A ; Syresham—M.

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Nottingham—A.

## OXFORDSHIRE

Alchester—B ; Adderbury—L, M ; Asthall—B ; Aston Rowant—B ; Banbury—F ; Barford St. Michael—K ; Benson's Ferry—B, F ; Benson—A, C, F ; Bicester—A, D, H, M, and finds from 1968 excavations ; Beckley—G ; Binsey—F ; Bladon—L ; Broughton—A ; Bruern—G ; Burford—B, E ; Coombe—L ; Cowley—A, C, H, L ; Crawley—B ; Crowmarsh—A, G ; Dorchester—A, B, C, F, J, K ; Enstone—A ; Ewelme—F, L ; Eynsham—D, F, I, L, M ; Garsington—F ; Godstow—A, C, E, F, L, M ; Gosford—F ; Grafton Lock—F ; Grendon Underwood—C ; Headington—A, B ; Hempton—E ; Henley—H ; Holton—A ; Horspath—B ; Howberry—C, F ; Iffley—F, L ; Islip—A, F, G, H ; Ipsden—H ; Kencot—C ; Kidlington—F ; Kirtlington—A ; Littlemore—A, M ; Little Rollright—C ; Marston—A ; Middle Aston—A ; Minster Lovell—B, C ; North Stoke—B ; Oddington—F ; Old Shifford—F ; Pinkhill—C ; Pishill—A ; Radcot Bridge—G ; Sandford—C, F, H, J, K, M ; Sandford St. Martin—A ; Shifford—C, F, G ; Souldern—B ; Sparsholt—A ; Spelsbury—A ; Standlake—C, F, G ; Stanton St. John—F ; Steeple Aston—A, B ; Steeple Barton—A, B ; Stoke Talmage—M ; Stonesfield—F ; Sutton—A ; Taynton—A ; Thame—B, F ; Waterperry—F ; Weston-on-the-Green—B ; West Drayton—C ; Wheatley—H ; Witney—A, F, G, H ; Wilcote—B ; Wolvercote—A ; Woodeaton—B, C, F, H, K ; Woodperry—A, B, C, D, E, F, I, M ; Woodstock—F, L ; Wychwood Forest—C ; Yarnton—A ; unrecorded parish—A, B, F ; from the R. Thames—B, D, F.

## SOMERSET

Bath—F ; Frome—L ; Glastonbury—A ; Ilton—M ; North Petherton—B ; Montacute—H.

## SHROPSHIRE

Alberbury—H.

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SUFFOLK

Brandon—C ; Bury St. Edmunds—B, C, H ; Cavendish—H ; Dunwich—A, B ; Elveden—B ; Great Yarmouth—H ; Icklingham—B ; Ixworth—B, C, G, H ; Lakenheath—B, K ; Mildenhall—B ; Pakenham—B, G(?) ; West Stow—B ; Wangford—B ; Woodbridge—B ; Tindley—B ; unrecorded parish—B, C, E.

SURREY

Chertsey—M ; Croydon—B ; Waverley—M.

SUSSEX

Lewes—F.

WARWICKSHIRE

Baginton—B ; Long Compton—A ; Sutton-under-Brailes—H.

WESTMORLAND

Brough—B.

WILTSHIRE

Aldbourne—E, F ; Baydon—F ; Berwick Bassett—B ; Cricklade—A, B, F ; Chinham—B ; Clarendon Palace—M ; East Grafton—C ; Grafton—A ; Highworth—F ; Liddington—B, C, E, F ; Malmesbury—A ; Marlborough—H ; Medbourne—B ; Mildenhall—B ; Minety—A ; Newton Toney—E ; Purton—M ; Pusey—B ; Ramsbury—M ; Rodbourne—F ; Russley—B ; Sevenhampton—H ; Slaughterford—G ; Stratford-sub-Castle—B ; Swindon—A, B, F, H ; Upham—B, C, F ; Wanborough—B, F, G, H, M ; unrecorded parish—A.

WORCESTERSHIRE

Great Malvern—M

YORKSHIRE

Scarborough—A, B ; Scampston—E ; Skipton—B ; Willerby—E ; York—G.

WALES

Caerphilly—A ; Merioneth—H ; Paviland—A ; Porthyda—E ; unrecorded site—H.

SCOTLAND

Sutherlandshire—B.

IRELAND

Dublin—B, D.

DENMARK

Gotland—G ; Roskilde—C.

EGYPT

Alexandria—B ; Smyrna—B.

FRANCE

Amiens—E ; Anvers (Somme)—C ; Beauvais—A, D ; Carcassonne—F ; Chateaudun—B ; Chateau-Gaillard—A ; Chenonceau—A ; Conti (Somme)—F ; Lillebonne—B ; Lyons—B ; Paris—B, F ; Rebais—H.

GERMANY

The Rhine—F.

GREECE  
Crete—C.

ITALY  
Amalfi—B ; Apulia—I ; Perugia—B ; Rome—B ; Tarquinia—A ; unrecorded site—  
B, H.

## MEDIEVAL FLOOR TILES IN THE ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

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THE bulk of the collection of English Medieval floor tiles kept in the Department of Antiquities in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, comes from sites in what might be called the Museum's collecting hinterland, Oxfordshire and north Berkshire. A card index of these has now been prepared.<sup>1</sup> A few tiles come from further afield, however, and a check list of these fortuitous acquisitions may be useful, particularly for those working on the National census of Medieval tiles.

### BERKSHIRE

Reading Abbey, acc. no. M. 131. Inlaid. Six-foil pattern, as *Berks. Archaeol. J.*, LXIV (1969), 16, no. I.22, but without central circle. 7.5 cm. sq.

### DORSET

Abbotsbury Abbey, (1) acc. no. 1876.85. Inlaid. A dragon passant sinister, within a circle with trefoils in the spandrels. A Wessex type, variant of *J. Brit. Archaeol. Assoc.*, xx-xxi (1957-8), pl. XXXIV, I. 13.0 cm. sq. (2) acc. no. 1876.85. Inlaid. Scroll pattern, a variant of *J. Brit. Archaeol. Assoc.*, xxvi (1963), fig. 6, I. Fragment.  
Ford Abbey, acc. no. 1951.437. Inlaid. Triangular, half of a pair of addorsed birds. Wessex type, descendant of *J. Brit. Archaeol. Assoc.*, xx-xxi (1957-8), pl. XXXIV, 6. L. 13.2 cm.

### GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Cirencester, 'The Workhouse', acc. no. 1955.411a. Inlaid. A dragon passant dexter. Half only, L. 13.5 cm.

### HAMPSHIRE

Selborne Priory, acc. no. 1970.1066. Inlaid. Castle design, one half of A. Lane, *Guide to the Collection of Tiles* (1939), pl. 20c. Rectangle, 15.6 × 7.8 cm.

### KENT

Eltham, The Old Palace, acc. no. M.176. Printed. Interlaced strap-work between running foliate scrolls. 12.0 cm. sq.

### LONDON

Tokenhouse Yard, acc. no. 1971.995. Printed. An open quatrefoil. 12.0 cm. sq.

### NORTHANTS.

Syresham, acc. no. 1929.784. Relief terracotta. A seated priest instructing pupils, within a trefoil frame enclosing an illegible inscription. 21.5 × 18.5 cm.

<sup>1</sup> This is largely the work of Mrs. C. Richards, whose help I am pleased to have an opportunity of acknowledging.

## SOMERSET

Ilton Church. Two incomplete inlaid 'Renaissance' tiles. (1) acc. no. M.123. Coat of arms of the Lyte family. L. 12.7 cm. (2) acc. no. M.124. Arms of Wadham of Marifield. L. 13.1 cm.

## SURREY

Chertsey Abbey, acc. no. 1836-68 Cat., p. 10; three tiles. Inlaid. (1) Roundel, broken. King Mark and Tristram. *Walpole Society*, II (1912-3), pl. XXXVIII, top right. D. approx. 22 cm. (2) Curved border, a crown. *Ibid.*, fig. 11. Inner L. 6.5 cm. (3) Curved border, part of an inscription with letters EX. Inner L. 4.0 cm.

Waverley Abbey, acc. no. 1936.130. Inlaid. Border strip, with pattern of alternate six-foils and chequers. Broken. W. 4.8 cm.

## WILTSHIRE

Clarendon Palace, acc. nos. 1971.996-8. Inlaid fragments. (1) *J. Brit. Archaeol. Assoc.*, xx-xxi (1957-8), pl. XXXIV, 3. (2) *Ibid.*, pl. XXXIV, 5. (3) *Antiq. J.*, xvi (1936), bottom row, second from left.

Purton, acc. no. 1955.411b. Inlaid. Small cinquefoils. Fragment.

Ramsbury, acc. no. 1955.411c. Inlaid. Small worn fragment. Probably two addorsed birds, as *Wilts. Arch. Mag.*, xxxv (1908), fig. 13, top right.

Wanborough, acc. nos. 1955.410. Many inlaid fragments, inc. one letter 'o', cf. *Wilts. Arch. Mag.*, xxxv (1908), fig. 13. Others cf. *ibid.*, XLVII (1936), pl. III, F, pl. V, 2, 12, 13, 14, 22, and pl. VI, 12.

## WORCESTERSHIRE

Great Malvern Priory, acc. no. 1967.672. Inlaid. Resurrection, in architectural setting, as E. S. Eames, *Medieval Tiles* (1968), Col. pl. C. 22.5 cm. × 15.0 cm.

## UNPROVENANCED

This list only contains designs not drawn in L. Haberly, *Medieval English Pavingtiles*, 1937.

1887.2547B. Inlaid. Letter 'h'. 6.5 cm. sq. Perhaps Oxford region.

M.132. Inlaid. Letter 'B'. 7.5 cm. sq. Perhaps Oxford region.

M.137. Inlaid, fragment. An open-centred six-foil within a circle. Perhaps Oxford region.

M.186. Inlaid. Very fine pattern set diagonally, of two addorsed regardant lions, within a circle with a lobe in each corner. Slate-blue ground. 15.0 cm. sq. Perhaps from south-east England.

1967.643. Inlaid fragment. Crowned Ihc monogram within a double circle. The corner has one quarter of a cusped quatrefoil containing a 16 rayed 'sun'. There are trefoils between the quatrefoil and the circle. Very deep inlay, no extant glaze. Date questionable.

1971.535-6. Two line-impressed relief tiles, probably from the north west Midlands.<sup>2</sup> (1) One quarter of a four tile pattern, having a band of small quatrefoils, and a 16-rayed 'sun' within a cusped quatrefoil in the alternate corners, 11.5 cm. sq. (2) A double circle joined to corner quatrefoil quarters, enclosing a cusped quatrefoil containing a central cross with semi-circles attached to the arms. 12.0 cm. sq.

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