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

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Although in no way a substitute for a full catalogue, a gazeteer 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 The lists include only registered objects at present in the museum, and not material from unpublished excavations stored here.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 gazeteer 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 gazeteer.

**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.
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; 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; Downton (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.

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

LINCOLNSHIRE
Horn castle—B.

LONDON
Bishopsgate Street—C; Blackfriars—B; Bloomsfield 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; Binsley—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; Eyynsham—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; Shiford—C, F, G; Southen—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; Wood Eaton—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—G; 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; Rebaix—H.

GERMANY
The Rhine—F.
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. 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

DORSET

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

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

KENT

LONDON

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.

This is largely the work of Mrs. C. Richards, whose help I am pleased to have an opportunity of acknowledging.
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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 Socie!J, 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.

WILTSHIRE

WORCESTERSHIRE
Great Malvern Priory, acc. no. 1967.672. Inlaid. Resurrection, in architectural setting, as E. S. Eames, Medieval Tiles (1966), Col. pl. C. 22·5 cm. × 15·0 cm.

UNPROVENANCED
This list only contains designs not drawn in L. Haberly, Medieval English Pavingtiles, 1937.
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.² (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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