

## Fetter Lane, York (YORYM:1998:692) Pottery Assessment

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### Factual data (MAP2 A4.1)

The pottery from the Fetter Lane excavation was identified and classified using the systems employed by the York Archaeological Trust (Mainman 1990; 1993; Brooks 1987; Monaghan 1997). The data was recorded in an Access 7 database.

One hundred and fourteen sherds of pottery were recovered from the excavation, of which 106 were Roman, 3 Anglo-Scandinavian, 3 medieval and 3 post-medieval.

The pottery was recovered from 13 different contexts (Table 1).

**Table 1 Provisional dating of pottery from Fetter Lane**

Context	Provisional Date	Comments
1005	PMED	MIXED FINDS
1009	ASCAN	RESIDUAL ROMAN POT
1014	LATE ROMAN	
1016	ROMAN	
1019	ROMAN	2ND C +
1020	ROMAN	2ND C +
1022	ROMAN	3RD C +
1030	ROMAN	2ND C +
2005	ROMAN	LATE 4TH C (PLUS INTRUSIVE ASCAN?)
2006	ROMAN	LATE 4TH C
2007	ROMAN	LATE 4TH C
2008	ROMAN	
2010	ROMAN	LATE 4TH C

The pottery was collected by hand and may therefore show a bias towards larger and more easily seen types. Nevertheless, the presence of small, dark featureless sherds suggests that this bias probably does not affect the overall character of the assemblage.

Several of the sherds were large and fresh looking. They have the appearance of primary refuse rather than material that might have been recycled.

### Statement of potential (MAP2 A4.2)

Although in some cases the pottery assemblages were quite small, the overall dating of the two trenches seems to be clear. Further precision might be possible by more detailed study of the pottery from Trench 2, although it is likely that the assemblages are not large enough for statistical comparison with the material from other late Roman sites in York, such as Blake Street or Wellington Row.

A few of the Roman types found are not represented in Monaghan's 1997 corpus and, given that they are stratified in late Roman assemblages, are worthy of illustration and publication. There appears to be no other classes of finds from Fetter Lane that would enhance the value of studying the pottery.

### Storage and curation (MAP2 A4.3)

The pottery is in a stable condition and does not need further conservation or special storage. None of the pottery should be discarded, as its value for future research depends on the integrity of the collection.

### Bibliography

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## Appendices

**Table 2 Pottery codes used in the Fetter Lane pottery assessment and total quantity of sherds**

Period	Code	Name	Comments	Sherds
ASCAN	TORK	Torksey ware		1
ASCAN	YW	York ware		2
MED	BRAN	Brandsby ware		1
MED	YG	York gritty ware		1
MED	YSP	York splashed ware		1
PMED	NOTS	Nottingham stoneware		2
ROM	B01	Black Burnished ware 1	Dorset BB1	1
ROM	B03	Grey B3	local grey burnished ware	5
ROM	B06	Black Burnished ware 2	Misc other BB2 type	3
ROM	B12	Crambeck B12	Crambeck greyware	17
ROM	B18	Late h/m	late handmade burnished sandy ware	12
ROM	C01	NVCC	NVCC - main fabric	3
ROM	E01	Ebor 1	Eboracum 1	6
ROM	E02	Ebor 2	Eboracum 2	2
ROM	G03	Dales-type greyware	lightly-rilled with occ shell	6
ROM	G06	Grey	Micaceous sandy grey ware	1
ROM	G08	Grey	Coarse sandy grey ware	1
ROM	G12		greyware jars	5

ROM	H01	Dales	Dales ware	3
ROM	K00	Misc calcite gritted	Misc calcite-gritted handmade fabric	10
ROM	K01	Calcite gritted	Calcite-gritted ('Huntcliff') ware	24
ROM	M01	Crambeck mortaria		1
ROM	M14	Mancetter-Hartshill mortaria		2
ROM	P02	Parchment	Crambeck late parchment ware	2
ROM	S01	SGS	South Gaulish (mostly La Graufesenque)	1
ROM	S03	CGS	Central Gaul (Lezoux)	1

**Table 3 Pottery from Fetter Lane, by sherd count**

Period	Fabric	1005	1009	1014	1016	1019	1020	1022	1030	2005	2006	2007	2008	2010
ASCAN	TORK									1				
ASCAN	YW		2											
MED	BRAN	1												
MED	YG	1												
MED	YSP	1												
PMED	NOTS	2												
ROM	B01											1		
ROM	B03									3	1	1		
ROM	B06			1		1		1						
ROM	B12	1								1	2	13		
ROM	B18									1		11		
ROM	C01							1			1	1		
ROM	E01			1			4		1					
ROM	E02					1						1		

ROM	G03						6		
ROM	G06							1	
ROM	G08								1
ROM	G12			3			2		
ROM	H01						1	2	
ROM	K00	1		1		1	3		4
ROM	K01	1				1	1	20	1
ROM	M01							1	
ROM	M14		1				1		
ROM	P02						1	1	
ROM	S01					1			
ROM	S03				1				