



## Schedule of the Roman Remains of Chester.

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### ADDENDA.



THE following information in regard to old and new sites, is here given, pending the publication of a second edition of the Schedule, in which some corrections and additional references will also be incorporated.

**IV.** Add—Foundations of walls of buildings, probably centurion's quarters, to the east of those discovered on Site VII in 1928, also fragment of walling close to city walls, perhaps of an interval tower.

**XLVI.** 1725. Between Eastgate and Newgate. Fortress wall upwards of 100 yards in length, "pretty perfect" made of squarish cut stones, the length inwards, etc.

Stukeley, *Iter Boreale*, 33; Watkin, 95.

**LXIX.** 1930. Extension of Co-operative Stores. Large oak post at a depth of about 8ft., sixty feet east of the line of stakes found in 1914.

Unpublished.

**LXXVII.** 1931. City Walls Road, east side, 35ft. north of centre of Black Friars. Remains of walling approximately parallel to City Wall at a depth of 8ft.

1931. In repairing foundations of City Walls, 90ft. south of centre of Black Friars. Thick Roman wall plaster decorated in various colours. 1st cent. Samian

including stamps of **C · SILVIP** on Form 18, **ATTIVS · FE** on Form 33, **L · P · E · C · X** scratched on side of a cup, Form 33, and graffito **SILVI** on Form 37 of SILVVS of Lezoux (Period : Trajan). 1st and 4th cent. coins. Bronze strigil blade. Perhaps from a Bath building, part of structure discovered in 1886.

Unpublished. Information of Mr. W. J. Williams, M.A.

**XCIV.** 1927-8. City Walls, E., adjoining Frodsham Street parking ground. Remains of Fortress wall, portions above ground at either end.

Unpublished.

**XCv.** 1929. Eccleston Avenue, thirty-two to thirty-seven feet from Eaton Road. Two large moulded corner kerb stones with square "stops" at angles, and rubble foundation, probably of a grave. Shattered urn of red ware, burnt bones and ashes. Stones now in Water Tower gardens.

Williams, W. J., *C.A.J.*, xxviii, 216.

**XCvI.** 1929. Garden, east side of Eaton Road. Two rubble foundations, five yards apart. Cremated burial in 1st century urn, and portions of two other urns. See also **LXXV.**

Williams, W. J., *C.A.J.*, xxviii, 217.

**XCvII.** 1929-1931. Between Little St. John Street and rear of Dee House Ursuline Convent, including site of proposed by-pass road. Extensive remains of seating bank, containing and radial walls of Roman Amphitheatre, 115 feet from S.E. corner of Fortress, at five widely separated points. Entrances on minor axis, east side, in N.W. sector, and to den on W. side of N. processional entrance. Approximately 314 feet by 286 feet exclusive of buttresses, with an arena 190 feet by 162 feet. Early eighties A.D. 1st to 4th century pottery, bronze steelyard, coins, and other objects. Mediæval pottery and tiles. Coin. Museum.

Williams, W. J., *C.A.J.*, xxviii, 218; Newstead and Droop, *ibid.*, xxix, 5-40; Lawson, *ibid.*, 66.

**XCVIII.** 1930. North side of Newgate. Foundations of S.E. angle of Fortress wall, angle tower, rampart, and traces of fosse. Early eighties, A.D. Pottery. Mason's trowel. Museum. See also XLVI.

Newstead and Droop, *C.A.J.*, xxix, 41-49.

**XCIX.** 1929-30. First two fields between Eaton Road and River Dee, immediately south of Heron Bridge. Traces of ditch, possible rampart and wall of Roman station, pavements, roadways, building and mass inhumation burial. Traces of river wall and of a Roman paved ford. Seven Samian stamps, 1st and 2nd centuries, Amphora stamp, 4th century Mortarium, mill-stones, late 3rd century and late 4th century coins. Sections of Roman Watling street.

Unpublished. Information of the excavator, Mr. W. J. Williams, M.A.

1930-31. In first field. Ditch, Industrial workings, numerous late 2nd century human skeletons on floor of workings. Early 3rd century buildings. Altar: DEABVS MATRIBVS OLLTOTIS. Column base, pottery and coins. Museum. Section of Watling Street, twenty-five feet wide, cobbles and gravel, with massive sandstone kerbs. Mediæval bronze buckle and fragment of figurine of St. Christopher and infant Jesus found on surface. 1st century Samian and bronze coin of Trajan. Traces of road also found between Greenbank and Heron Bridge.

Unpublished. To appear in *C.A.J.* xxx, by Petch, J. A., and Williams, W. J.

**C.** 1932. In repairs to City Wall, just west of Morgan's Mount. 2nd century Samian stamp, **ADIECTI . MA** King Charles' Tower.

Unpublished.

#### ADDITIONS TO PLANS.

##### *Key Plan.*

The Amphitheatre, Site XCVII is just outside the S.E. angle of the Fortress, and the Heron Bridge site, XCIX, just off the map, to the south.

*Fortress Plan.*

The plottings of all finds are correct, but the conjectural centre and western lines of Fortress require to be amended. There were probably fourteen columns in the Prætorium collonade. The missing base should be conjecturally indicated and the centre line, north and south gates moved approximately nineteen feet six inches to the west. This allows for a *Via Prætoria* equal in width to the *Via Principalis*. The building line on the west is advanced to Weaver Street and Trinity Street, and the west wall in conformity therewith. The overall dimensions of the Fortress walls become 1,950 feet by 1,360 feet, containing fifty-nine acres.

- IV. Possible trace of interval tower directly above **VI** of " Walls," and of centurions' quarters in vicinity of approximate mark within building line of barrack area.
- VII. Add two cubicles on north of east range, an open passage, then centurions' block of full width over verandah posts, extending to building line with main drain and roadway between same and rectangular building in *intervallum*.
- XLVI. Black in Fortress wall as far north as Site XXVIII.
- XCVII. Major axis of Amphitheatre thirty feet east of and approximately parallel to right-hand border in bottom corner, and minor axis, 115 feet north of bottom border. Arena wall passes through " 7 " of 65.7, " u " of Deehouse, and " t " of Convent. Outer wall through " B " of B.M., and " D " of Deehouse.
- XCVIII. Black in Fortress wall on curve to " N " of Newgate, and insert tower between Roman and mediæval walls on radial from angle of building lines within.

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