

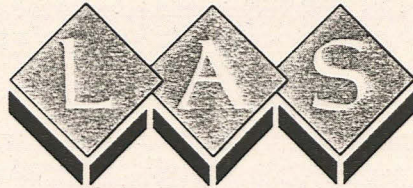
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**Land off Spalding Road Sutterton  
Archaeological Evaluation  
(Fieldwalking Survey)**

NGR: TF 2850 3520

Site Code: SSR 95

LCNCC No.: 156.95

**REPORT**

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**LAND AND BUILDINGS CONSULTANCY**

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**Summary**

*Fieldwalking over the proposed development area identified a scatter of Roman pottery dating to the late second-third centuries AD. It coincided with that area of the field producing magnetic anomalies, possibly representing associated ditches and other archaeological features. Further investigation would be required to establish their character and extent. Medieval and later pottery fragments from the field are thought to derive from manuring activities rather than evidence for settlement remains. There were no prehistoric finds from the site.*

**Introduction**

Lindsey Archaeological Services was commissioned by the Land and Buildings Consultancy to undertake the fieldwalking element of an archaeological evaluation in accordance with the requirements of the Brief set by the Boston Community Archaeologist dated September 1994.

**Site Location**

The proposed development site lies on the southern limits of Sutterton village. site is bounded to the north by the cemetery and the east by Station Road and covers an area of 3.7ha. The land is currently under cultivation.

**Archaeological Background and Previous Work**

A desk top study of the area was undertaken by Archaeological Project Services (Taylor 1994). Roman pottery and other remains had been found during construction of Sutterton Primary School immediately east of the proposed development area (Lincoln SMR ref. 12512) and further Roman remains were found to the north near Gate Lodge (Boston ref. B18/004). Roman settlement is usually dispersed in character and there was potential for further Roman remains within the proposed development area. The core of the medieval settlement probably lies around the church, north of the development site and the study suggested that the site was probably located in one of the medieval open fields. The potential for medieval settlement remains was likely to be low.

Geophysical survey which was carried out in September 1995 (Shiel 1995) identified a series of anomalies aligned approximately SW-NE across the field. These were tentatively identified as archaeological in character although it was thought that a geological origin for at least some of the features could not be ruled out.

## **FIELDWALKING SURVEY**

The fieldwalking element of the project was undertaken to consolidate the findings of the previous two phases of evaluation. Fieldwalking is normally carried out on land which has been recently ploughed or sown, to retrieve artefacts such as worked flint or pottery whose spatial distribution can indicate zones of occupation beneath the ground surface.

A concentration of medieval pottery had been noted in the field immediately south of the cemetery during a walkover survey which was part of the Desk Top study. However, its extent was not accurately mapped and it was not known if further remains were present elsewhere in the field. Results of the geophysical survey were not available until after the field had been walked over by LAS.

The ploughed surface was well weathered giving good visibility of finds. Weather conditions were good on the day of the survey, if a little bright, allowing for maximum retrieval of artefacts within the traverses. The field was walked by a team of three people in traverses 10m apart crossing the field west-east (perpendicular to Station Road). Each artefact encountered was allocated a number and individually recorded and mapped using a geodimeter. (Sometimes two pieces of pottery found together were allocated a single findspot and number). The numbered findspots on Fig. 2 each relate to a three-dimensional co-ordinate which is retained on computer file.

### **Results**

A total of 195 items were picked up of which eight were discarded after further examination when washed. A scatter of 46 Roman pottery sherds was mainly concentrated in the south-west corner of the field. The material appears to range in date from the later 2nd to 3rd centuries AD and included grey wares and colour coated wares from the Nene Valley and a single imported sherd of Antonine Samian pottery dating to AD140-180. The majority of sherds were miscellaneous greywares in a quartz-tempered fabric (Appendix 1).

There was a thin scatter of medieval and post-medieval pottery across the whole field, ranging in date from the early 13th-20th centuries. A total of 116 sherds was picked up, comprising 52 medieval (early 13th-late 15th centuries), 40 post-medieval (15th-18th centuries) and 24 modern sherds (late 18th-20th century). Obviously modern material within the transects was not picked up, so this latter proportion is not truly representative (Appendix 2).

The majority of medieval sherds (40 of the 52), which dated from the came from a local source, recorded at other sites in the region but not yet unidentified. Five pieces were from Toynton, a major production centre to the north of Sutterton. Material from this area is also represented in the later pottery of 15th-18th century date, with 15 sherds from the Toynton/Bolingbroke kilns. There were 17 sherds from Bourne.

The concentration of pottery previously noted close to Station Road was at its densest along the cemetery boundary. It was associated with some brick and tile whose probable date was 19-20th century (Appendix 3).

A single clay tobacco pipe bowl and a single piece of iron slag were found. There were no worked flints on the field. It was not intended to pick up animal bone during fieldwalking because it is undatable, and in the event only one or two pieces were seen.

### **Discussion**

The medieval and post-medieval pottery from the site is not necessarily indicative of settlement remains. The small sherds are characteristic of collections representing manuring of the land. Domestic refuse was often mixed with animal manure when farmyards were cleared and the material deposited on surrounding fields. This supports the view proposed in the Desk top study that the area was part of the village open field system (and remained agricultural land after enclosure in 1773). The greater concentration of material in the north-east corner of the field, close to cemetery and Station road may be connected with hard-core often found at entrances to fields as there is no cartographic evidence to suggest the former presence of a building.

The geophysical survey results indicate the presence of possible archaeological features in the western half of the field, which coincides well with the distribution of Roman pottery from the site. It is not known if this site relates in any way to the two recorded sites to its east and north-east because there is no information about the date range of pottery from these sites. It is possible that cropmarks noted in the desk top study, to the east of the site may also be Roman in date. Of particular note is the double linear feature, tentatively identified as a possible trackway (Taylor 1994, 3). This is similar to the parallel linear features recorded in the geophysical survey which were interpreted as possible boundary ditches (Shiel 1995, 2).

### **Conclusion**

Results of the initial stages of evaluation have shown that there is little potential for prehistoric or medieval remains on the proposed development site. The presence of Roman remains in the field has been established, which may be associated with some of the features recorded by the geophysical survey. Their precise nature and extent can only be defined by selected excavation.

The preparation of this report has required the co-operation of Archaeological Project Services who undertook the Desk Top Study and commissioned the geophysical survey, and Geophysical Surveys of Bradford who undertook this aspect of the work. This was freely given but has entailed additional unpaid work for all parties concerned. It is felt that a more efficient service could have been provided if a single organisation were able to co-ordinate all aspects of this phase of evaluation.

### **Acknowledgements**

Thanks are due to Mr C. Swindin for the loan of a copy of the geophysical survey results. Steve Haynes of Archaeological Project Services kindly supplied fax copies of early geophysical survey results and Anne Shields of Geophysical Surveys of Bradford gave assistance with queries concerning the geophysical survey results prior to publication. Fieldwalking was carried out by Naomi Field, Jane Frost and Mick McDaid. Surveying services and Figs. 2 and 3 were supplied by Ian Peters and Paul Wilkinson of Midland Surveying and Engineering. The finds were identified by Barbara Davies, Rick Kemp and Jane Young from the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit. Jane Frost prepared and collated the report.

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Naomi Field  
November 8th 1995

Roman pottery archive  
Barbara Davies

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The overall date range appears to be later 2nd to the early-mid 3rd century. There is one sherd of Antonine samian dating to c Ad 140-180. Nene Valley grey (NVGW) and coloured-coated wares (NVCC) are the main diagnostic sherds. The fabric of the miscellaneous grey wares is generally coarser quartz tempered, and although broadly dated Roman are probably later 2nd to 3rd century in date.

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**Post-Roman pottery archive  
Jane Young**

## SSR95 POST-ROMAN POTTERY ARCHIVE

Context	Ware	Sherds	Form	Comments
1	MEDLOC	1	JUG	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE;BASE;NO GLZE
2	TB	1	BOWL	INT GLZE
3	TB	1	?	? ID OR TOYII
4	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ;GLZE
5	TB	1	?	? ID
6	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE;GLZE
7	BOU	1	BOWL	INT GLZE
7	MEDLOC	1	JAR/JUG	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ
8	TB	1	JAR?	-
9	TB	1	BOWL	INT GLZE
10	BOU	1	BOWL	-
11	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + ABUND FE ;NO GLZE
12	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + OCC FLINT/CHERT + OCC FE;NO GLZE
13	LSTON	1	-	-
14	LPM	1	-	-
16	MEDLOC	1	?	COARSE FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE;UNGLZE
17	MEDX	1	?	WHITE FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ;GLZE
18	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ;NO GLZE
19	LPM	1	-	BL/W
20	TB	1	BOWL	BASE;INT GLZE
21	TB	1	BOWL	INT GLZE
22	NOTG	1	?	? ID BASE
23	BOU	1	BOWL	VERY WORN
24	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE;GLZE
25	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE;GLZE
27	TB	1	BOWL	INT GLZE
28	MEDLOC	1	JUG	OR NOTG;GLZE
29	LPM	1	-	-
30	BOU	1	BOWL	INT GLZE
31	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE + OCC CALCITIC;NO GLZE
31	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE + OCC CALCITIC;NO GLZE
32	BOU	1	BOWL	INT GLZE
33	MEDLOC	1	JAR/PIP	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + ABUND FE;NO GLZE
34	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE; GLZE;INT DEPOSIT
35	BOU	1	BOWL	INT & EXT GLZE
36	TB	1	BOWL	INT GLZE
37	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + OCC FLINT/CHERT;NO GLZE
38	LPM	1	-	-
39	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE + OCC CALCITIC;GLZE
41	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ +

42	TB	1	JUG	ABUND FE;NO GLZE HANDLE;? ID OR TOYII
43	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE + OCC CALCITIC;NO GLZE
44	LSTON	1	-	18/19TH
45	MEDX	1	?	FINE WHITE FABRIC;NO GLZE
48	BOU	1	?	VERY WORN
49	NOTG	1	?	? ID
50	BOU	1	JUG	-
51	WS	1	-	SCRATCH BLUE
59	LPM	1	-	EARLY PRINT ?
61	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES FINE QUARTZ + MICA + FE + OCC FLINT/CHERT;OR R;NO GLZE
63	LPM	1	-	BL/W
68	BL	1	BOWL	18/19TH
69	TB	1	?	SCRAP
70	BOU	1	-	SCRAP
71	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE ;NO GLZE
72	TB	1	BOWL	RIM;? TOYII
74	LPM	1	-	-
75	LPM	1	-	-
76	BERTH	1	?	RIM;18/19TH
76	BOU	1	?	-
76	BOU	1	BOWL	-
77	BOU	1	?	GLZE
77	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE + OCC CALCITIC;NO GLZE
78	LPM	1	-	BL/W
78	TOY	1	JUG	RIM;? ID
79	MEDX	1	JAR/PIP	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE + ABUNDANT MICA
80	LPM	1	-	-
82	BOU	1	?	VERY WORN
83	MEDLOC	1	?	COARSE FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE ;UNGLZE
87	SLIP	1	?	NO GLZE;RED SLIP PALE ORANGE FABRIC
92	TOY	1	JUG	OR TB
94	LERTH	1	FLOWERPOT?	-
96	LPM	1	-	-
100	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE ;NO GLZE
101	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE + OCC CALCITIC;NO GLZE
103	LSTON	1	-	18/19TH
105	TOY	1	JUG	FE APPL DEC
106	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES SUB ROUND QUARTZ +FE;NO GLZE
107	MEDLOC	1	JAR/PIP	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE + MICA + SHELL;NO GLZE
108	MISC	1	?	VERY FINE FABRIC ? POTTERY
111	MEDLOC	1	BOWL	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + ABUND FE;RIM;INT GLZE

113	TB	1	BOWL	? ID
114	BOU	1	JAR/JUG	-
115	BL	1	?	VITR;INT GLZE;17/18TH
116	BOU	1	?	-
117	MEDLOC	1	BOWL	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE ;RIM;NO GLZE
118	BOU	1	?	VITR
119	BOU	1	?	SCRAP
120	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE + OCC CALCITIC;NO GLZE
121	GLGS	1	BOWL	RIM;INT GLZE
122	FREC	1	JUG	? ID
123	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + ABUND FE ;NO GLZE
124	FREC	1	JUG	? ID
125	TB	1	BOWL	INT GLZE
126	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE + MICA;NO GLZE;INT DEPOSIT
127	TB	1	BOWL	INT & EXT GLZE
128	MEDLOC	1	JUG/JAR	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ;NO GLZE
129	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE + OCC CALCITIC;NO GLZE
130	MEDLOC	1	BOWL	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + OCC CHALK/LIM + FE;INT GLZE
131	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE ;NO GLZE
132	BL	1	?	17/18TH
133	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE;GLZE
140	MEDLOC	1	JAR?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + MICA ;BASE;NO GLZE
140	TOY	1	JUG	RIM;? ID
141	LPM	1	-	-
143	LPM	1	-	-
145	LPM	1	-	-
146	LPM	1	-	-
147	TOY	1	JUG	OR TB
150	LSTON	1	JAM JAR	19TH
151	LPM	1	-	-
152	LSTON	1	-	19TH
171	LPM	1	-	-
171	LSTON	1	JAM JAR	19TH
172	MEDLOC	1	?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE ;NO GLZE
173	MEDLOC	1	ODD FORM?	FABRIC INCLUDES QUARTZ + FE;NO GLZE

**Post-Roman tile and brick archive**  
**Rick Kemp**

**SSR95: TILE TYPES BY CONTEXT AND WEIGHT**

Context	Form	Sherds	Weight	Subform	Fabric	Comments
28	PANT	1	5	-	-	?LDRAIN
60	CHIM	1	130	-	-	-
62	PANT	1	40	-	-	-
65	PNR	1	5	-	-	-
65	PANT	1	25	-	-	?LDRAIN
66	PNR	1	5	-	-	-
69	PNR	1	5	-	-	-
71	BRK	1	35	-	-	-
71	BRK	1	20	-	-	-
72	BRK	1	70	-	-	-
79	PNR	1	10	-	-	-
85	PNR	1	26	-	-	-
66	PANT	1	25	-	-	-
93	BRK	1	10	-	-	-
95	PNR	1	35	FLAT	-	MORTAR
97	PNR	1	45	FLAT	-	-
99	PANT	1	10	-	-	?LDRAIN
104	PANT	1	15	-	-	?LDRAIN
109	BRK	1	20	-	-	-
110	PNR	1	5	-	-	-
112	PNR	1	40	FLAT	-	-
134	PNR	1	10	FLAT	-	PALE FABRIC
135	PNR	1	5	-	-	-
136	PNR	1	30	-	-	?LDRAIN

Form	Sherds	Form code	Description
		<b>BRK</b>	<i>MEDIEVAL/POST-MEDIEVAL BRICK</i>
BRK	5	<b>CHIM</b>	<i>UNGLAZED CHIMNEY POT</i>
CHIM	1	<b>PANT</b>	<i>UNGLAZED PANTILE</i>
PANT	6	<b>PNR</b>	<i>UNGLAZED UNDIAGNOSTIC ROOFING TILE</i>
PNR	12		

Pot code Description Date range No. of sherds

BERTH	Brown earthenwares	PMED		1
BL	Blackware	PMED	1600-1700	3
BOU	Bourne; fabric D	PMED	1500-17thC	17
FREC	Frechen/Cologne stoneware	PMED	1550-1600	2
GLGS	Glazed greensand fabrics	EMED-LMED		1
LERTH	Late earthenwares	EMOD		1
LPM	Early modern or modern	EMOD		17
LSTON	Late stonewares	EMOD		6
MEDLOC	Medieval local fabrics	MED		40
MEDX	Medieval non-local fabrics	MED		3
MISC	Undated miscellaneous fabrics			1
NOTG	Nottingham green-glazed ware	MED	M13-E14th	2
SLIP	Slipware (general)	PMED	1600-1700	1
TB	Toynton or Bolingbroke-type ware	PMED	L15-M17th	15
TOY	Toynton ware; kiln 1 (Roses)	MED	1275-1325	5
WS	White salt-glazed wares	PMED		1

### SSR95: CONTEXT TILE DATING SUMMARY

Context	Earliest date	Latest date	Prob date	Comments
28	E18	20	20	-
62	E18	20	20	-
65	15	19	19	-
66	E18	20	20	-
69	15	19	19	-
71	15	20	19	-
72	15	20	19	-
79	15	19	19	-
85	15	19	19	-
86	E18	20	20	-
93	15	19	19	-
95	15	19	19	-
97	15	19	19	-
99	E18	20	20	-
104	E18	20	20	-
109	15	19	19	-
112	15	19	19	-
134	E18	20	20	-
135	15	19	19	-
136	E18	20	20	-

## Appendix 4

### Bulk Finds Archive Jenny Mann

SUTTERTON, STATION ROAD (SSR95): ARCHIVE LIST

#### Bulk Materials

Context	Type	Count	Comments
67	CTPS	1	MOD;L19+
144	SLAG	1	8GMS TAP

