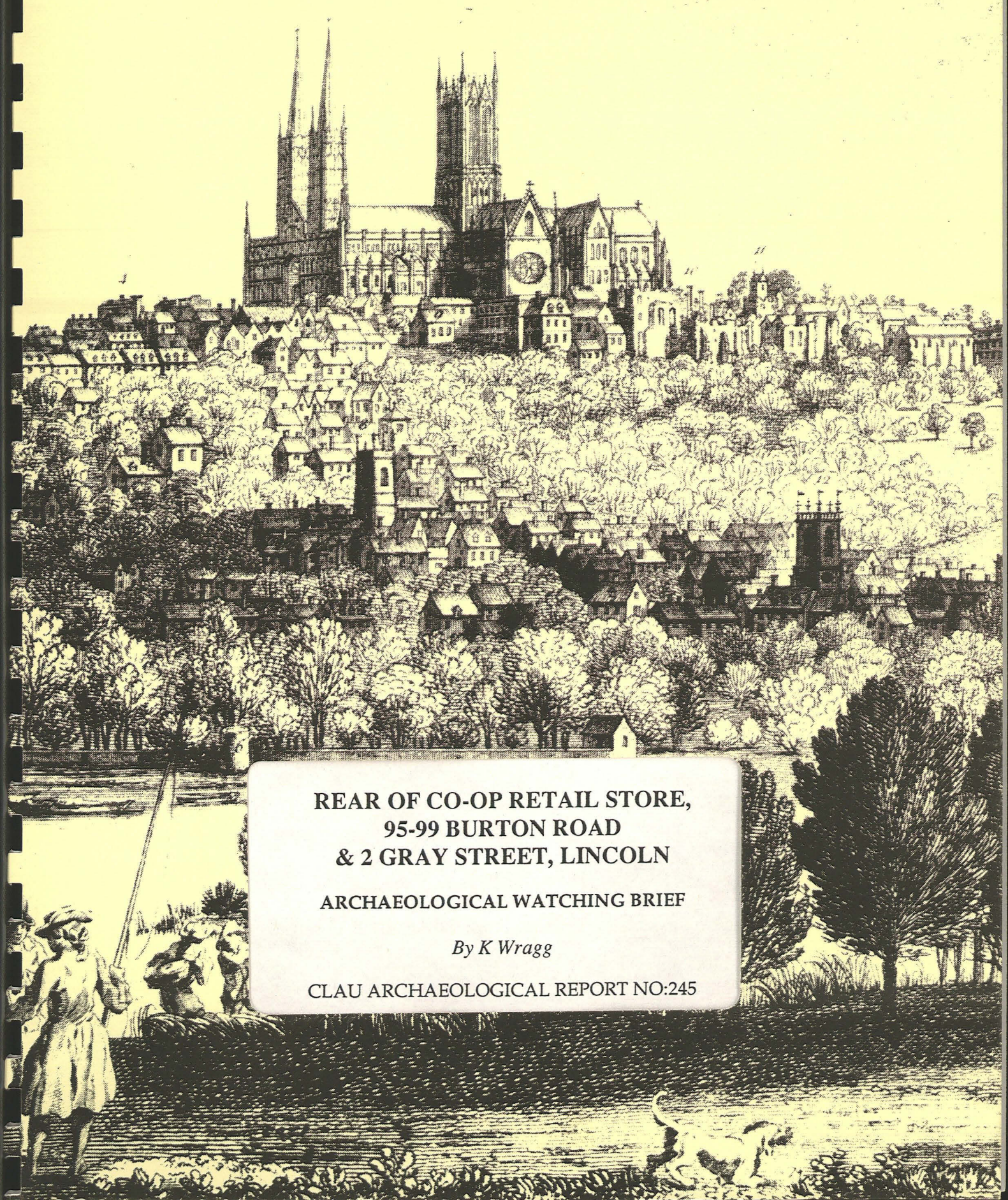


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1.0 INTRODUCTION

During November 1995 the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit (C.L.A.U.) was commissioned by Morley Newborn Architectural Technicians, on behalf of Lincoln Co-operative Society Ltd, to carry out a watching brief on groundworks connected with alterations at the above property, to the east of Burton Road (see Fig.1).

The structural elements of the planned redevelopment of the site entailed demolition of existing buildings/offices to the rear of the shop, followed by the erection of a single storey, flat roofed, rear extension.

Groundworks were limited to excavations for foundation groundbeams (following installation of mini-piles), together with trenching for associated services, and the archaeological monitoring of these works was carried out intermittently between 15th January and 19th March 1996.

The information in this document is presented with the proviso that further data may yet emerge. The Unit, its members and employees cannot, therefore, be held responsible for any loss, delay or damage, material or otherwise, arising out of this report. The document has been prepared in accordance with the terms of the Unit's Articles of Association, the Code of Conduct of the Institute of Field Archaeologists, and *The Management of Archaeological Projects 2* (English Heritage, 1991).

2.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The site lies in an area of known archaeological importance lying to the north-west of the Roman and medieval city walls, and is located to the east of a Roman road believed to follow roughly the line of the modern Burton Road. In view of this, the area is believed likely to contain evidence of Roman and medieval suburban occupation and land-use.

Evaluation excavations were carried out to the south, at Cuthbert's Yard (to the north-east of the Burton Road/Westgate junction), during 1989-90 in order to locate and investigate the Roman defences. These works revealed evidence of the first defensive ditch, wooden palisade and rampart bank (belonging to the legionary fortress), together with later modifications (associated with the Roman Colonia), including infilling and repositioning of the ditch, and replacement of the wooden palisade with a stone wall.

Adjacent to Burton Road two north-south gullies were also revealed, possibly associated with a medieval or even Roman predecessor of Burton Road.

3.0 RESULTS

Only three deposits were revealed by trenching across the site, with no evidence of any buried archaeological features.

The earliest layer recorded was seen at the limit of excavation (c.900mm below the existing ground level), and comprised a moderate-well compacted light yellow-brown limestone brash [102], mixed with sandy clay. This layer was at least 100mm thick, and is typical of the natural (i.e.geological) deposits found throughout the uphill areas of Lincoln.

[102] was overlain by a 300mm-400mm thick layer of moderately compacted mid brown sandy earth [101], which contained only 25% small irregular limestone pieces, and was itself sealed by the final deposit, [100].

This latter layer formed the surface deposit for the majority of the site area, and consisted of a moderately compacted, very mixed, dark grey-black ash and mid-dark brown sandy, clayey earth, containing limestone pieces, gravel, modern bricks and roof tile, slate pieces and

other modern material, including several service trenches.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

Notwithstanding the potential of the site, as related above, the results from this watching brief have proved to be largely negative, with no evidence of any archaeological features or finds predating the 19th or 20th centuries.

However, while the above is true for the area covered by this development, this has only been confirmed at the depths investigated during this project, and does not therefore preclude the survival of archaeological remains in other locations.

5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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7.0 LHA NOTE/ARCHIVE DETAILS

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PLANNING APPLICATION NO.:
LC12/0637/94

FIELD OFFICER: K.Wragg

NGR: SK 9725 7220

CIVIL PARISH: Lincoln

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DATE OF INTERVENTION: 15/01/96 -
19/03/96

TYPE OF INTERVENTION: Watching Brief

UNDERTAKEN FOR: Morley Newborn
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7.2 ARCHIVE DETAILS

PRESENT LOCATION: City of Lincoln
Archaeology Unit, Charlotte House, The
Lawn, Union Road, Lincoln, LN1 3BL.

FINAL LOCATION: The City and County
Museum, Friars Lane, Lincoln.

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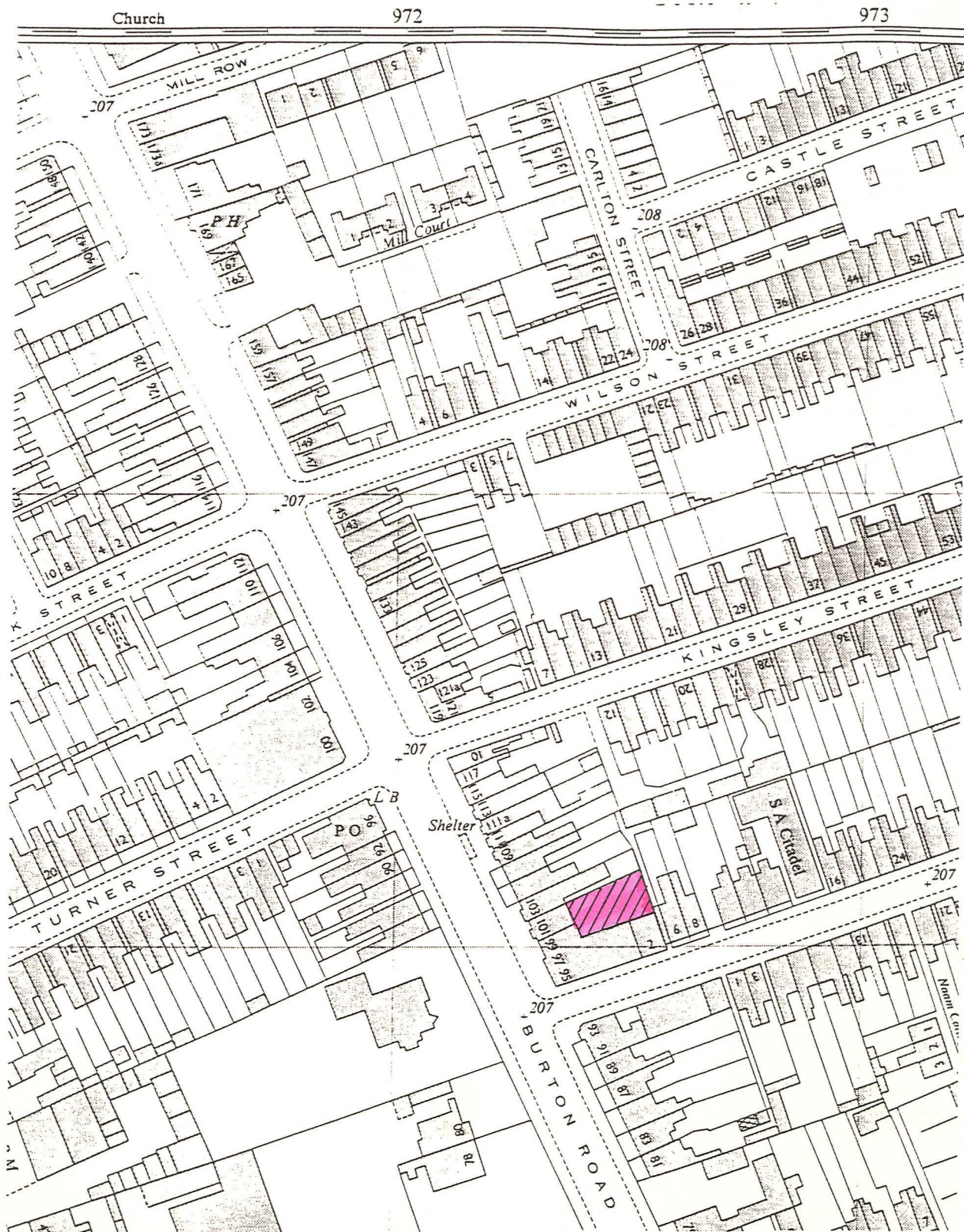
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Location of Site



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Fig.1