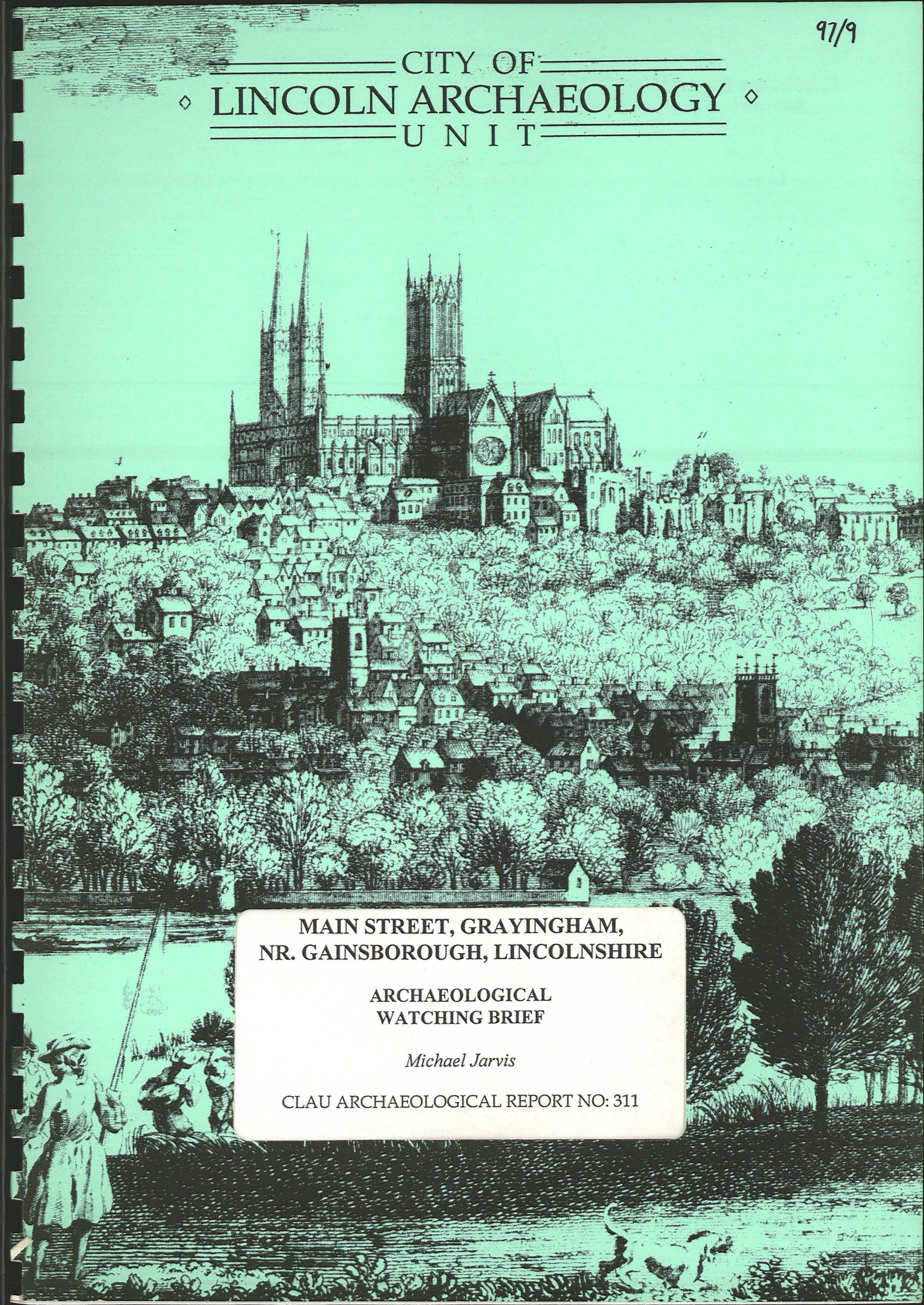


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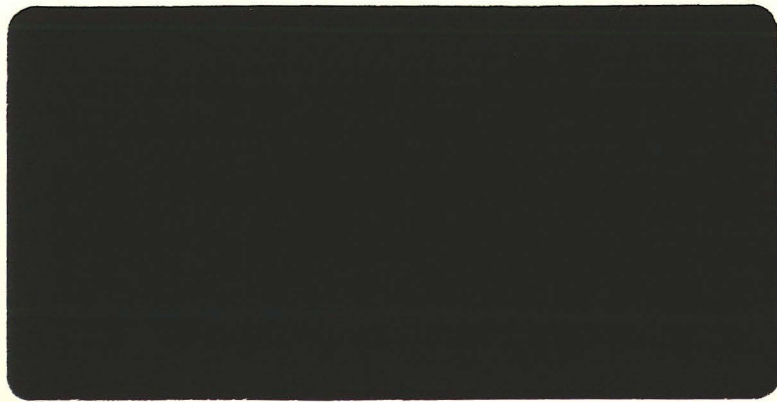
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NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

On the 8th of August 1997 a representative from the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit undertook a watching brief during the excavation of foundation trenches on land to the west of Main Street, Grayingham, Lincolnshire, prior to the construction on the site of a residential bungalow.

The Archaeological Section of Lincolnshire County Council had identified cropmarks and Saxon inhumations in the area of the site. This resulted in the subsequent placing of a standard archaeological watching brief condition on the planning application. In the event the watching brief failed to reveal evidence of archaeological features and deposits within the footprint of the bungalow.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

1.0 INTRODUCTION

On the 8th of August 1997 a representative from the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit (CLAU) undertook a watching brief during the excavation of foundation trenches on land to the west of Main Street, Grayingham, Lincolnshire, prior to the construction on the site of a residential bungalow. Information supplied by the Lincolnshire County Council Archaeology Section relating to the possible archaeological content of the site suggests that, evidence in the form of crop-marks (from recent air photographic interpretation) and Saxon inhumations, may be present on the site.

2.0 SITE LOCATION

The site of the proposed bungalow lies on the west side of Main Street, approximately 100m to the south-west of the Church of St. Radegunda (*Circa* 13th-14th century - Pevsner et al, 1989, 327). Up until recently the site plot formed part of a field intended for arable crop production. National Grid Reference SK 9345 9602 (Fig. 1).

3.0 AIMS & METHODOLOGY

The aims of the watching brief were:

- A. to produce an archive record of deposits and remains generally within the constraints of the groundwork contractors' working methods and programme as related to the project design, with due regard to current Health and Safety legislation.
- B. to produce a report on the archaeological importance of the discoveries.
- C. to produce a project archive from which the potential for further study and academic research could be assessed.
- D. to provide information for accession to the County Sites and Monuments Record.

4.0 ANALYSIS/CONCLUSIONS

Machine excavation of the foundation trenches revealed deposits of natural limestone brash *c.* 600mm below existing ground level. A 200mm thick, compacted, mid reddy/brown subsoil, [002], sealed natural. A single, abraded sherd from a 12th century Local Early Medieval Shelly Ware (LEMS) cooking vessel was recovered from within subsoil deposit [002]. Overlying this subsoil was the present day plough-soil (mid brown clay/sand - *c.* 400mm thick). No further deposits were encountered during the watching brief.

In conclusion, this watching brief failed to reveal the archaeological features postulated by the Lincolnshire County Council Archaeology Section. However, whilst negative, the findings of this watching brief have provided information to further enhance our understanding of archaeological survival and distribution in the village of Grayingham.

5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit would like to thank Mr. Barwell (Barwell Construction Supplies, Hemswell Cliff Industrial Estate, Lincolnshire) for funding the fieldwork and post-fieldwork analysis.

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APPENDIX I

LHA NOTE & ARCHIVE DETAILS

LHA NOTE DETAILS

CLAU CODE: GMS97

CLAU REPORT No.: 311

PLANNING APPLICATION NO.: 97/P/421

FIELD OFFICER: Michael Jarvis

NGR: SK 9345 9602

CIVIL PARISH: Grayingham

SMR No.: -

DATE OF INTERVENTION: 08/08/97

TYPE OF INTERVENTION: Watching Brief

UNDERTAKEN FOR: Mr. Barwell (Barwell Construction Supplies, Hemswell Cliff Industrial Estate,
Lincolnshire)

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.

MUSEUM ACCESSION No.: 194.97

ACCESSION DATE: -

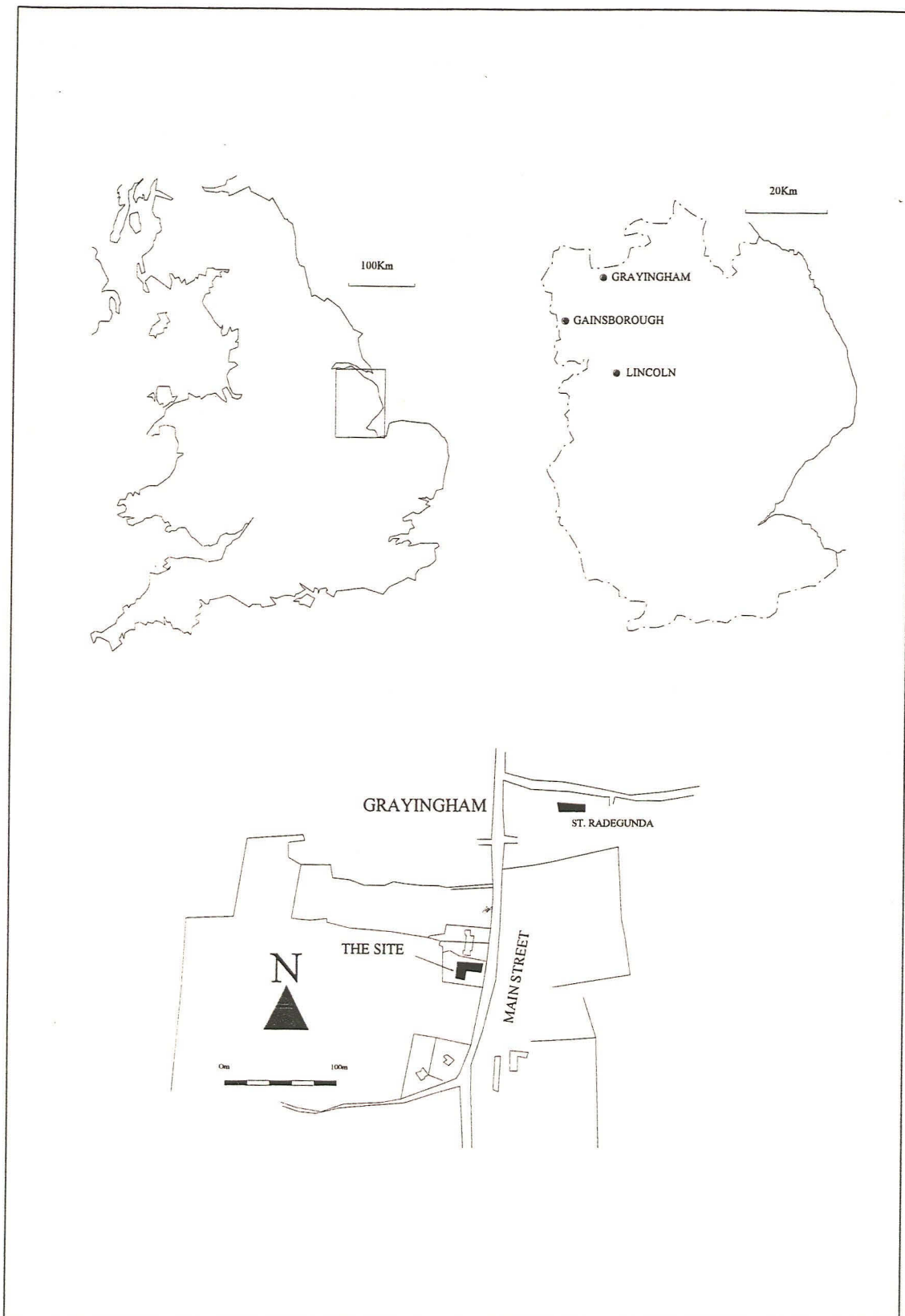


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