



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

SITE	Wall to the rear of 10 Precentor's Court Interim Report		
CLIENT NAME	CYC		
YAT PROJECT #	6081	YAT REPORT #	2018/68
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	N/A	GRID REFERENCE	SE 60160 52254
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INTRODUCTION

A watching brief was undertaken by York Archaeological Trust on behalf of CYC on the 24th July 2018 to the rear of 10 Precentor's Court, York, NGR SE 60160 52254 (Figure 1). The objective of the watching brief was to record the rear wall structure and any archaeological deposits exposed by the ground works.

METHODOLOGY

A square 0.5m x 0.5m trial pit was hand excavated by the City of York's Ancient Monument team, adjacent to the rear boundary wall, to a depth of 0.84m below ground level. Notes and a measured sketch of the wall were taken, and digital photographs were taken of the wall elevation and of the pit post excavation

RESULTS

Below ground level, the wall comprised of large limestone blocks, squared and in a random course. The stones measured between 0.21m x 0.15m and 0.24m x 0.21m. A single brick was seen within the wall at the base of the trial pit, measuring 0.15m x 0.10m in dimension. The bonding material of the wall was hard to determine as the mortar had recessed or been raked out. Above ground level the rear wall had been rebuilt and strengthened, evidenced by the presence of brickwork and concrete mortar.

The excavated soft ground deposit comprised of loose dark grey brown sandy silt, which contained numerous roots and occasional small fragments of brick.

CONCLUSION

The date of the wall is unclear; however it is clearly shown on the 1852 OS map of York and it is likely that it dates to at least the construction of 10 Precentor's Court in the 18th century. Nothing of archaeological interest was retrieved from the test pit.

A recording survey will be conducted on the whole wall in the future.

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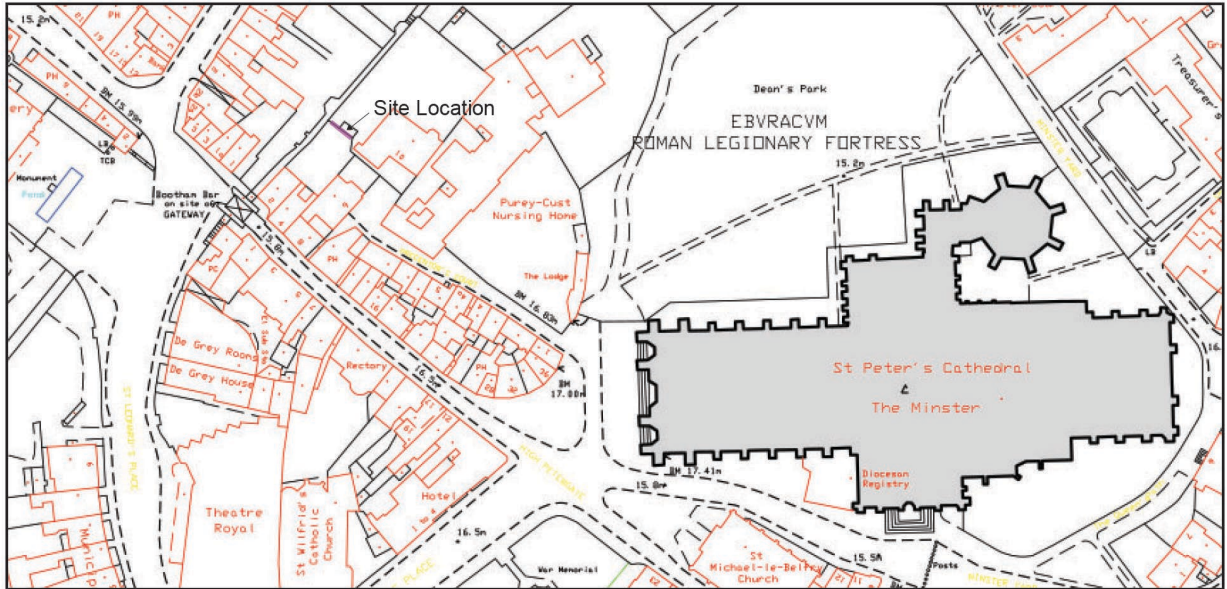


Figure 1 Site Location

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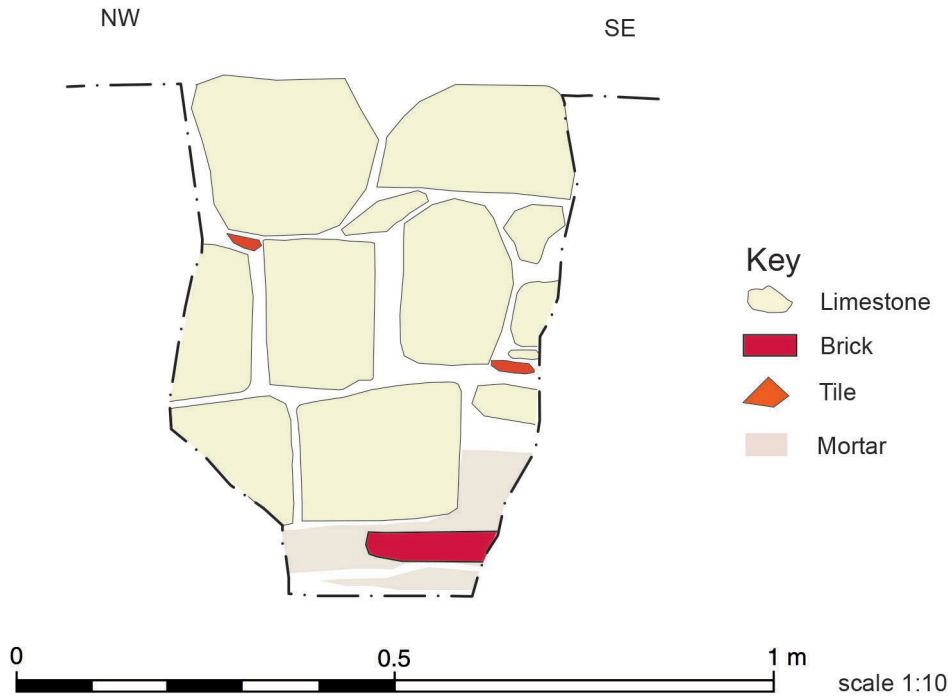


Figure 2 Wall elevation

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Plate 1, view of southwest facing wall

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Plate 2 view northeast of later additions to the wall.

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