

Site 131. Old Penrith, Cumbria. Roman. *Report on stone finds by F.W. Anderson*
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The site is on Penrith Sandstone (Permian), to the W is Carboniferous Limestone, to the E is Keuper and Bunter Sandstone (Trias), farther E is the Cross Fell Inlier with Skiddaw Slates (Cambrian) and a Lower Carboniferous conglomerate.

Querns.

- a. Niedermendig Basalt. 267/7814 209, 1427/7815 314, 1131/7814 671, 1437/7815 307, 579/7814 320.
- b. Millstone Grit, a coarse grit (Carboniferous), 1461/7815 329.

Hones. Avery fine-grained micaceous grey-green rock ? volcanic ash.
172/7710 279 (is this from Old Penrith?)

Whetstones.

- a. A dark grey slate ?Skiddaw Slate, 1461/7815 330.
- b. Fine-grained, slightly calcareous, red-brown sandstone, 1736/7815 450.
- c. Fine-grained, siliceous ?volcanic ash, 1405/7815 157.

Stone Disc. About 4cm diameter, a ferruginous sandstone possibly from the Watch Hill Grit (Bala) of Cumberland, 529/7814 828.

Loom weight. A fine-grained micaceous sandstone ?Keuper sandstone.
204/7813 503.

Worked flint. Flake of brown flint, 293/7813 850.

Roof tile. Red Penrith Sandstone, 1359/7814 845 (This is unlikely to be a roof tile).

Cremation Capstones. A dark brown feldspathic sandstone ?Watch Hill Grit, 1428/7814 933 (from Cremation 1421)

- Iron Ores . a. Haematite. Nearest source Egremont near Whitehaven, Cumberland, 307/7814 032, 2008/7815705, 1426/7815 316, 2013/7815 650, 754/7815 318, 2112/7826 031, U/S 7815 217.
- b. ferruginous Sandstone, - 267/7814 362, 753/7814 337.

Coal. 830/7814 356 (marked 356 on bag, but 386 on label).

Miscellaneous.

'Rottenstone' i.e. partly decomposed Magnesian Limestone.
659/7814 447, 609/7814 482, 984/7814 595, 407/7814 358,
647/7814 518, 661/7814 520, 660/7814 468.

Magnesian Limestone, -841/7814 335, 455/7813864, 753/7814 524.

Permian or Triassic Marl, - 455/7813 864, 407/7814 358, 646/7814 441,
595/7814 540, 753/7814 524, 471/7814 346, 652/7814 455,
598/7814 450, 420/7814 350.

Avery fine-grained rock ?volcanic ash, - 213/7814 044, 1413/7815 217.
Sandstone, - a pink feldspathic sandstone probably Permian or Trias,
409/7814 949 (this fragment does not appear to have been worked.)