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THIN SECTION EXAMINATION OF SCARBOROUGH WARE AND OTHER

MEDIAEVAL POTTERY: THIRD REPORT

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A small number of Mediaeval sherds were examined in thin section as part of the current Scarborough ware petrological project. The brief petrological notes which follow should be used in conjunction with the two previous DOE reports on this subject.

- (1) 148, Castle Road, Scarborough: CR 79 12 (20)(A); glazed dish fragment. Scarborough Phase II fabric.
- (2) Queen Street, Filey: Pit 2 I FQS 76. Similarities with sample 62 from previous report, ? pre-'Scarborough Ware' sherd from 148, Castle Road (87).
- (3) Nottingham: ?Aquamanile (see ltr. 20/7/82). This sherd is very similar to previous material examined from Nottingham (e.g. nos' 41-43 Glasshouse Street).
- (4) Lincoln: B77 67, 3-20, 41; flask or bottle.
- (5) Lincoln: B78 67, 3-20, 42; flask or bottle.

Both sherds contain frequent inclusions of quartz grains with some felspar, limestone, quartzite and sandstone. Quite different from Scarborough Phase I and II fabrics.

- (6) Fragment of horse aquamanile in York white ware (?) from York, PS72-5-(31)-1962.
- (7) Bodysherd of York white ware, 76.15.373 (A).
- (8) Bodysherd of York white ware, 76.15.373 (B).

(9) Bodysherd of York white ware, 76.15.373 (C).

All four sherds contain a groundmass of quartz grains, average size 0.15mm and below, with a scatter of larger grains, flecks of mica, quartzite and a little limestone. Texturally there are similarities between these sherds and Scarborough ware Phase II. It is too early in the programme of analysis to do more than draw attention to the apparent similarities in fabric of the two wares, and more work needs to be done before firm conclusions can be reached.

(10) Harborough: HAAE. More micaceous than Scarborough Phase I and II fabrics.

(11) Barton-on-Humber: BNBK. Similarities with Scarborough Phase I fabric.

(12) Grimsby.

(13) Kettleby Thorpe: KTAB d.

(14) East Halton: EH AB.

(15) Thornholm Priory: TP 76 (723).

These sherds are slightly different in texture to Scarborough Phase I fabric.

(16) Hull 'type 75' (3) (see ltr. 17/8/81). Similar to Scarborough Phase I fabric.