

NOTE ON THE PETROLOGY OF A MEDIAEVAL SHERD FROM
TAMWORTH

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Hard, rough sandy fabric, grey (between Munsell 10YE 5/ and 4/) surfaces and whitish core. Thin sectioning and study under the petrological microscope shows a fairly clean clay matrix containing a scatter of subangular quartz grains up to 0.70mm across, some of which are polycrystalline, with a little opaque oxide and fine-grained silica. This range of inclusions is not uncommon, making it difficult to try to predict a likely origin. A textural comparison with other material from Tamworth, and also samples of 'Chester ware' and 'Stafford ware' held by the writer, failed to produce an identical match of fabric, on the whole the Tamworth sherd under discussion being less sandy than the other sherds.