

ANGEL COURT, WALBROOK, LONDON

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A thin section examination was undertaken on two crucible fragments recovered from the above site, and associated with pottery dated late 14th. century - early 15th. century. Both fragments are of vitrified clay, and show traces of greenish metallic residues, probably of bronze/brass.

1. Lab. no. 756542; Museum Acc. no. 37.

Frequent inclusions of subangular quartz grains, average size 0.1-0.2mm., set in a matrix of optically isotropic fired clay. Also present are a scatter of yellow anhedral crystals, ranging up to 0.35mm. in size, which are probably fayalite, a characteristic constituent of furnace slags.

2. Lab. no. 756541; Museum Acc. no. 45.

Frequent inclusions of subangular quartz grains, average size 0.1-0.2mm., set in a matrix of optically isotropic fired clay.

Both fragments of crucible contain a considerable amount of sand, which was no doubt added to the clay for refractory purposes.

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