

Vault at 79½ High Street, Southampton

Graffiti Survey summary.

A team from Southampton Archaeology Society visited the vault on the 20th November 2018. The team consisted of J & B Webb, G & R James, S & D Stewart, M Garner and M South.

The Vault is located at the lower end of the High Street at the entrance to Gloucester Square. It is a vaulted stone cellar of the late 15th Century. Before WWII it was below the building number 79, High Street, to the South West of Gloucester Square. After the war the entrance to Gloucester Square was moved south and the Vault now lies to the North of the entrance. The only graffiti found was a modern pencil calculation on the roof.



Entrance to vault at 79½ High Street. (Fig.1)

Fig. 1

Blocked off spiral stairway in Southeast corner of vault which may have led to 79, High Street before WWII. (Fig. 2)



Fig. 2



Pencilled calculation on roof.
(Fig. 3)

Fig. 3

Interior of vault looking west.
(Fig. 4)



Fig.4



Interior of vault looking east.
(Fig.5)

Fig. 5