

Quilters Vault, High Street, Southampton



Graffiti Survey summary

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

Quilters Vault is located on the West side of the lower end of the High Street between Porters Lane and Broad Lane. The Royal George Hotel at 88-89 High Street used to stand above it. It became known as the “Quilters” after the landlord and landlady of that name who ran the Royal George in the 19th century. The vault was probably erected during the late 13th century and is internally semi-circular of rubble construction. It is 18.7 metres long by 6.2 metres wide running east to west. The hotel was destroyed during the blitz of 1940 and the vault is now on open land. Very

little graffiti was found, only a few initial letters on the string course.



The remains of Quilters vault that are above ground.

Interior view of vault looking east.





Interior view looking west

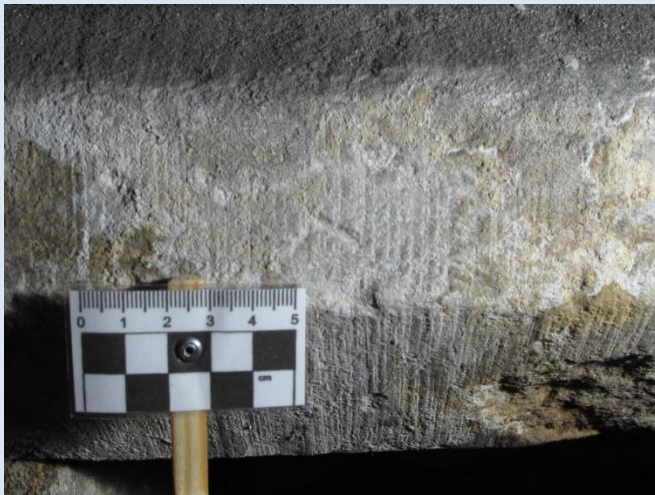
Date imprinted in concrete window sill.



Barred window at Eastern end of vault where the date "1988" is imprinted.



Faintly scratched "I R" and small "s" on string course.



Faint scratched "X" on string course.

Sue & Derek Stewart – 28th November 2018