

## The Undercroft, Southampton

### Graffiti Survey summary

A team from Southampton Archaeology Society visited the vault on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018. The team consisted of S&D Stewart, G&R James, J&B Webb, M Garner, S Hannah and J Porter.

This is the most elaborate of the surviving stone vaults, situated at the junction of Upper Bugle Street and Simnel Street, Southampton and is believed to be early 14<sup>th</sup> century construction. The entrance is at the bottom of a flight of stone steps with further steps inside, together with three windows on the south side. It has a quadripartite roof divided into two bays with plain chamfered ribs and has a fireplace at the east end.



Fig. 1 – Access to the Undercroft



Fig. 2 – Entrance, interior, south-west corner



Fig. 3 – Interior, looking east

In addition to several modern pencil marks, a small number of incised graffiti were found.



Fig. 4 – Incised “N4C” on the sill of the central window

Fig. 5 – Incised “GB IM 1971” and vertical line on the sill of the central window



Fig. 6 – Faintly scratched two triangles on the sill of the central window

Fig. 7 – Large but faint scratched “MY” on the fireplace

