

# BC75

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Upper Thames Street (Baynard's Castle), now Baynard House, Queen Victoria Street, EC4  
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Observation and limited excavation on this site recorded 115m of the Roman riverside city wall (Fig\*BC75). C14 and dendrochronological dating suggested a building date in the 4th c, probably after 330 (this has been modified to 255–70 by Sheldon and Tyers 1983). In the western part of the wall were 52 sculptured blocks reused as building material (Fig\*BC75 Mars). They are derived from at least two major monuments, a free standing monumental arch and a Screen of Gods (Fig\*BC75), both of early 3rd c style. Also recovered were two mid 3rd c altars from temples. Fragments of the wall had been undermined by the rising Thames in the post-Roman period; one section had fallen northwards, suggesting demolition. The earliest levels of Thames Street over these fragments dated to the 12th c. Parts of medieval timber waterfronts were recorded to the west of the East Watergate of the Tudor Baynard's Castle (see BC72 and BC74).

The late Roman riverside wall on this site is compared to that found on other sites in 1973–85 by Brigham (1990).

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