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Colchester House, Savage Gardens, Pepys Street; Woodruffe House, Cooper's Row, EC3
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Excavations here were funded by Trinity House. Natural gravel and brickearth was cut by 1st and 2nd c features and by structural elements of buildings; in the SE of the site a gravel surface and associated ditch may have been a road. Above these a soil had formed which subsumed occupation and demolition remains associated with the buildings and which also included quantities of painted plaster. Glass waste, and the base of a substantial hearth which cut through the soil, may be evidence for Roman glassmaking. The hearth was truncated by general terracing associated with the construction of a 3rd c building. It had a wide external wall and several square pier bases founded on timber piles capped with flint and chalk and topped with concrete. One area of *opus signinum* flooring survived. This building was overlaid by dark earth which may have formed the gardens of the Crutched Friars. It was cut by pits, a well or soakaway and robbing trenches for the 3rd c building. Also located were 17th or 18th c cellar foundations and floors and a late 17th c ice house which was backfilled in the 18th c with wine bottles, unused clay pipes and some Chinese and European imitation porcelain.

For observations during road widening of Savage Gardens in 1951, which are also catalogued 'Colchester House', see GM23 above.

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