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Abstract

The submitted materials comprised three pieces. Two of these were decalcified fossiliferous siltstone and the third a piece of fossiliferous grey limestone. All were natural materials

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Methods

All investigated materials were examined visually, using a low-powered binocular microscope where necessary. All significant materials were summarily described and recorded to a database (Table 1). As an evaluation, the materials were not subjected to any high-magnification optical inspection, nor to any other form of instrumental analysis. The identifications of materials in this report are therefore necessarily limited and must be regarded as provisional.

Results

All three pieces were natural: two were fragments of rottenstone (decalcified calcareous siltstone) rich in fossil crinoids and one was a grey fossiliferous limestone.

Context	*Sample*	*weight*	*number*	*notes*
15	29	21	1	weathered crinoidal calcareous siltstone, “rottenstone”
19	2	15	2	weathered crinoidal calcareous siltstone, “rottenstone”, broken in two
21	1	17	1	fossiliferous grey limestone

Table 1. Summary catalogue

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