

APPENDIX 6: DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Edinburgh City Council
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	Building recording and monitoring of Lamb's House, Leith, City of Edinburgh
PROJECT CODE:	LHL07
PARISH:	Edinburgh City
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Donald Wilson
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	Headland Archaeology Ltd
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	DBA, Historic Building Recording, monitoring and test pitting
NMRS NO(S):	NT27NE 4
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	17 th century merchants house
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	none
NGR (2 letters, 8 or 10 figures)	NGR NT 2710 7636
START DATE (this season)	September 2010
END DATE (this season)	May 2012
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. <i>DES</i> ref.)	An archaeological evaluation 2007 (Headland Archaeology)
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	<p>Headland Archaeology was commissioned by Groves-Raines Architects to undertake a programme of archaeological works at Lamb's House, 19 Water Street, Leith. This report forms a basic written, metric and photographic record of these works.</p> <p>Although there is reference to a building on the site in 1561 a programme of dendrochronological dating indicates that the construction of the current building must have occurred after 1609. Since this time it seems likely that some significant changes were made at attic level, primarily with the addition of three, somewhat eccentric wall-head chimney gables.</p> <p>Since construction the shell of the building retained its basic form although there have been numerous minor alterations through the years. It has seen many changes of ownership and on at least one occasion was very close to demolition due to its poor state of repair. From its affluent beginnings in the 17th century as a rich merchant's house the building was eventually occupied by at least eight families by the turn of the 20th century and was derelict by the early 1930's. It was later purchased by the 4th Marquess of Bute and building repairs were undertaken, although it remained unoccupied until it was taken over by the National Trust for Scotland who eventually converted it into a day care centre in 1961.</p>
PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:	none

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