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Trenching for *main drainage* and the foundations at the rear of the shops which now stand on the south side of St. George's Street has revealed much of the ground plan of a very large building, connected with the White Friars Monastery which until the Dissolution stood on the site. The foundations which have been measured and recorded by

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F. Jenkins, who watched the commercial excavations over a period of two years, are built of large blocks of chalk being four feet thick and more than eight feet deep. The length of the north foundation was 128 feet east-west with a turn at right-angles at the west end which was traced for a length of 40 feet where the line is still preserved by a wall above ground of uncertain date.

Judging by the size of this building and its orientation, it may well be the church of the White Friars. Its date is certainly later than a 13th century rubbish pit which had been partially destroyed when the foundations of the west wall were originally excavated.

North of this building the ground had been much disturbed by the many graves belonging to the Lay Cemetery of the Monastery. One interesting object found in a rubbish pit in this area was a small pipe-clay statuette of a draped figure holding an open book. Traces of gilding and red paint survived and it is possibly from a shrine belonging to the monastery, and probably 14th century in date.

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