

**APPENDIX B**  
**Letter Report**  
**Coating Identification Dorchester Wall**

**Letter of Report**

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Date: July 12, 2017

Re: Coating Identification  
Dorchester Wall

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Jablonski Building Conservation, Inc. (JBC) was retained by the client to examine a coating on a concrete cap. A piece of the cap was sent to JBC for analysis. The goal of this analysis was to identify the type of coating. The sample was removed by the client.

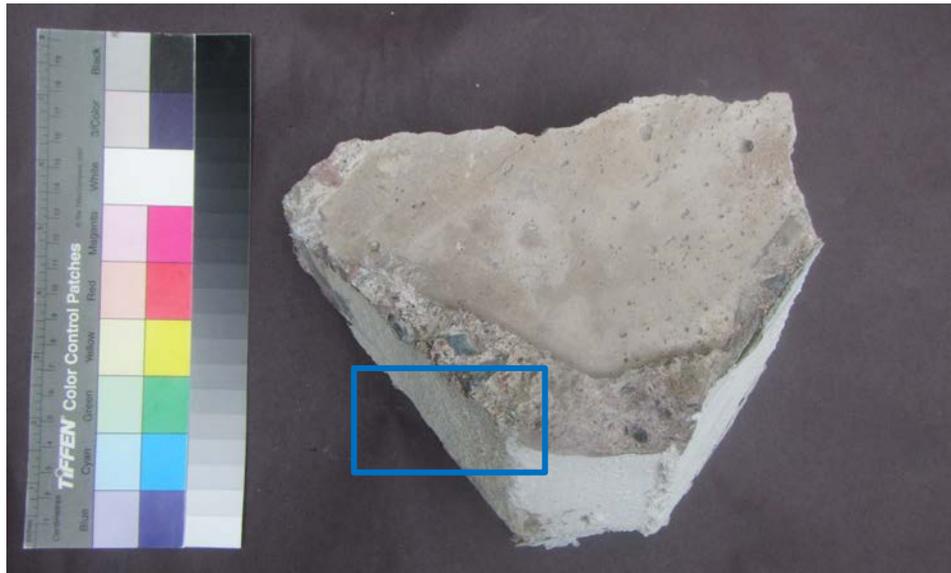
**Methodology**

Upon receipt of the sample, Architectural conservator Jennifer Pont of JBC analyzed the sample under magnification with ultraviolet light to determine the number of finish layers present and get a general idea of the composition of the coatings. The samples were examined microscopically using a Motic Stereo Zoom microscope with 10X - 63X magnification and a Zeiss Axioskop 40 polarizing light microscope with ultraviolet illuminator.

Following microscopic analysis, a 2" x 4" section of the sample was removed and sent out for infrared spectroscopic analysis to further identify the binder and fillers in the coating.

## Overview

The sample received by JBC consisted of a large piece of concrete with between one and two white finish layers. These coatings were similar in composition, likely an oil-acrylic blend and were likely part of the same finish campaign, as there was no dirt layer between the two layers. Both layers contained aggregate resulting in the stucco-like appearance of the sample.



**Figure 1.** Sample received by JBC. Blue box denotes area sent for analysis

## Infrared Spectroscopic Analysis

A 2" x 4" section of the coated concrete was removed from the main sample and sent to KTA-Tator, Inc. for infrared spectroscopic analysis to identify the binder of the coating and fillers or pigments were possible. Their analysis is attached as a supplement to this report.

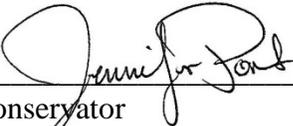
The binder was identified as an acrylic binder, which was consistent with the UV observations made by JBC. The stretch of peaks from  $492\text{-}796\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and the doublet around  $3000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  both indicate the presence of carbon-carbon and carbon-hydrogen bonds found in oil paints. However, the definition of the peaks at lower wavenumbers suggest that any oil-based additive used was highly refined, something seen in more modern oil-acrylic paints used on hardy exterior surfaces such as concrete.

Common fillers including a carbonate material (likely calcium carbonate) and crystalline silica (likely glass balloons) were also identified. These materials are added to paint to increase the hiding power and lower the sheen or gloss of the coating. The pigment used was titanium dioxide. Each of these is consistent with a modern acrylic coating.

**Recommendations**

Should the client wish to remove the coating, paint stripping tests should be conducted with a variety of commercial products. Due to the texture of the concrete and the coating, a long-dwell solvent-based stripper will likely be the most effective.

Sincerely,

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July 6, 2017

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**SUBJECT: Results of Infrared Spectroscopic Analysis of Concrete Coating;  
KTA Project No. 370472**

Dear Ms. Jablonski:

In accordance with KTA-Tator, Inc. (KTA) Proposal PN177907 and the subsequent signed Authorization to Proceed dated June 23, 2017, KTA has completed the infrared spectroscopic analysis on the submitted concrete coating. This report contains descriptions of the testing procedures employed and the results of the testing.

### **SAMPLES**

An unlabeled 2" x 4" section of coated concrete was received from Jablonski Building Conservation, Inc. on June 29, 2017 and designated as Sample KTA-1. It should be noted that at no time did KTA personnel witness the acquisition of the samples listed below.

### **INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY**

Infrared spectroscopic analysis was performed with a Mattson Galaxy Model 3020 Fourier transform infrared spectrometer. Sample scrapings of the coating material were combined with potassium bromide powder and formed into a pellet under high pressure. The pellet was then placed in the optical path of the spectrometer and a spectrum was obtained over the range of 4000 to 400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (appended).

Briefly, the analysis revealed that the KBr pellet obtained of the white topcoat of Sample KTA-1 was most consistent with an acrylic resin as evidenced by the spectral bands at 1731 and 1164  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  along with the shoulder near 1240  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The presence of carbonate material was evidenced by the bands at 1450 and 875  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Crystalline silica was evidenced by the band at 1085  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  along with the doublet at 796/775  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Titanium dioxide was evidenced by the broad band from 700 to 500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

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Sincerely,

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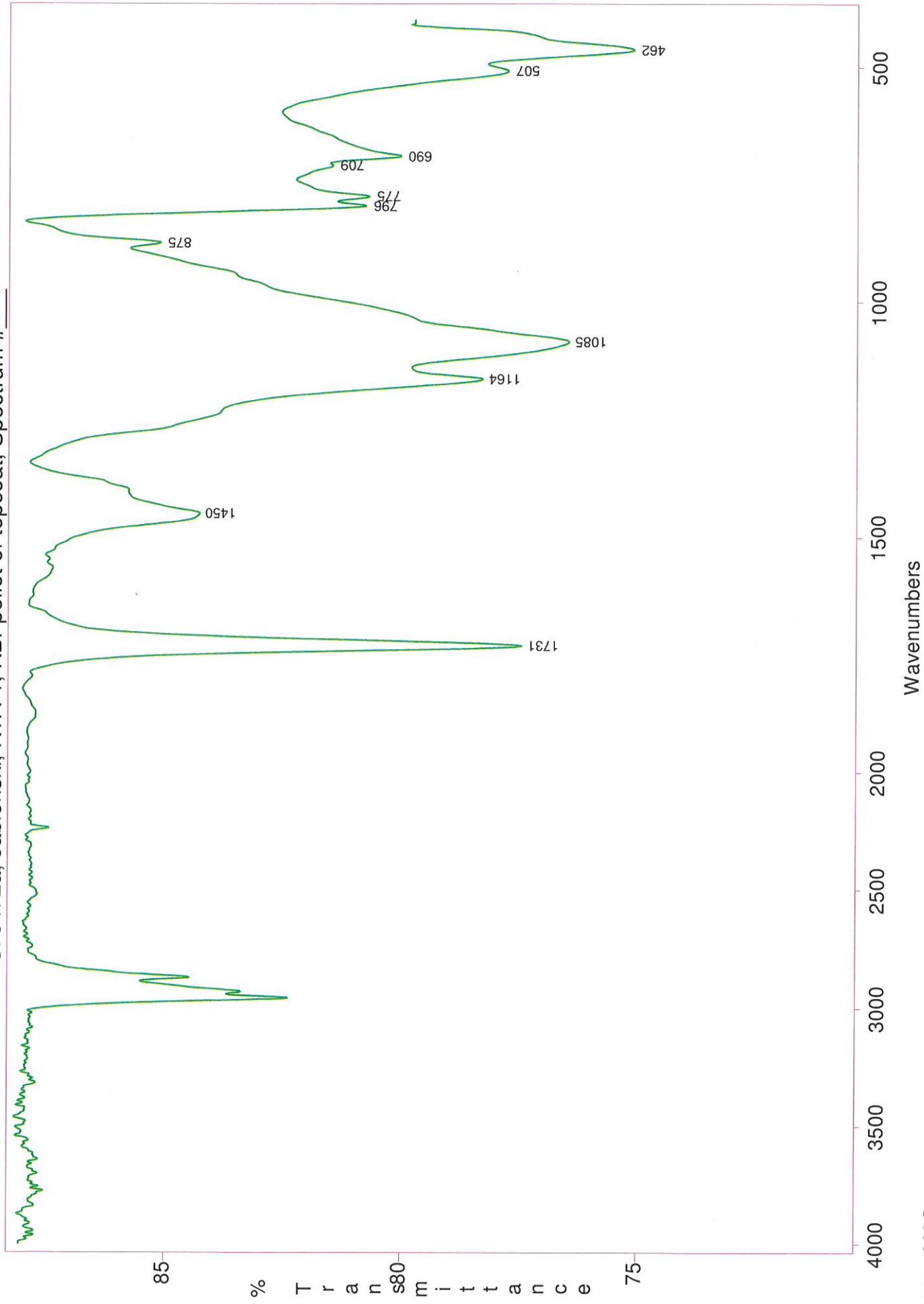
Appendix: Infrared Spectrum

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JN370472  
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