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Summary

Rock specimen of sandstone from Craigmillar Quarry, Edinburgh, Lothian Region, Scotland. The sample is a medium to coarse-grained hard crystalline sandstone with a pale pink colour caused by the presence of clear quartz grains within an iron oxide matrix cement. This specimen is of Carboniferous age. British Geological Survey Petrology Collection sample number MC1279. The sample has the original label of the Geological Survey of Scotland, plus the number of the geologist who collected it (XT5), and the BGS collection number (MC1279). Craigmillar Quarry was one of the most important providers of sandstone to the city of Edinburgh. It was used mainly for rubble walling in combination with a higher quality stone which was used for the dressed stonework on

building fronts. Size of specimen: 8x7x5 cm. Munsell colour code and colour 5RP7/2, pale purple pink. P519459

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