

# Olavinlinna

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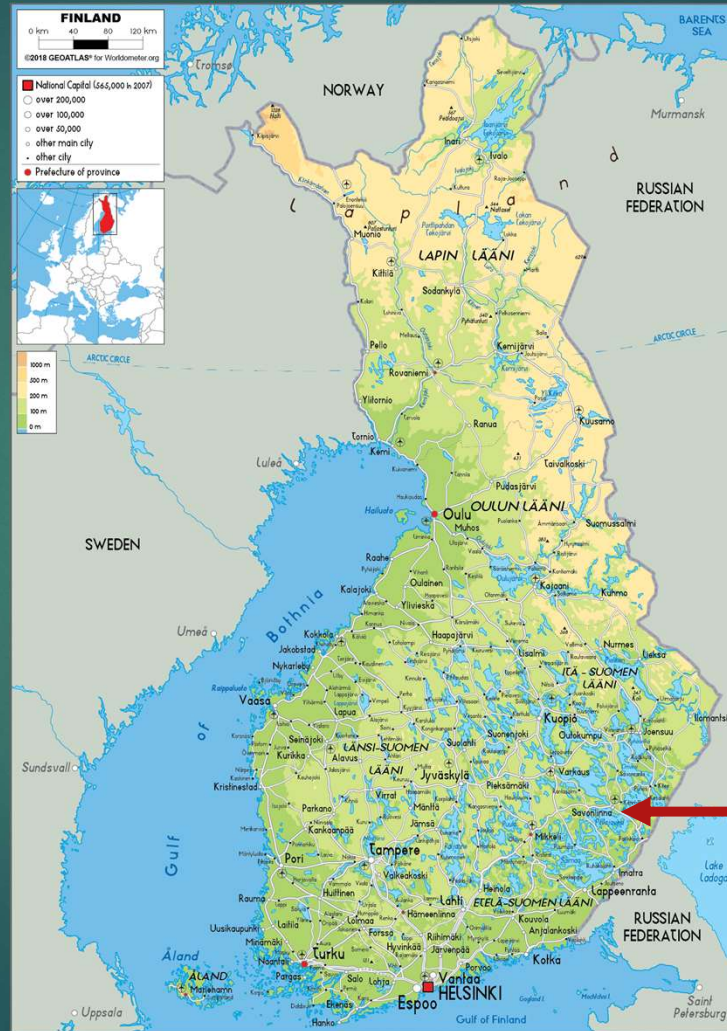


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Border fortification  
from 1475 to 1809

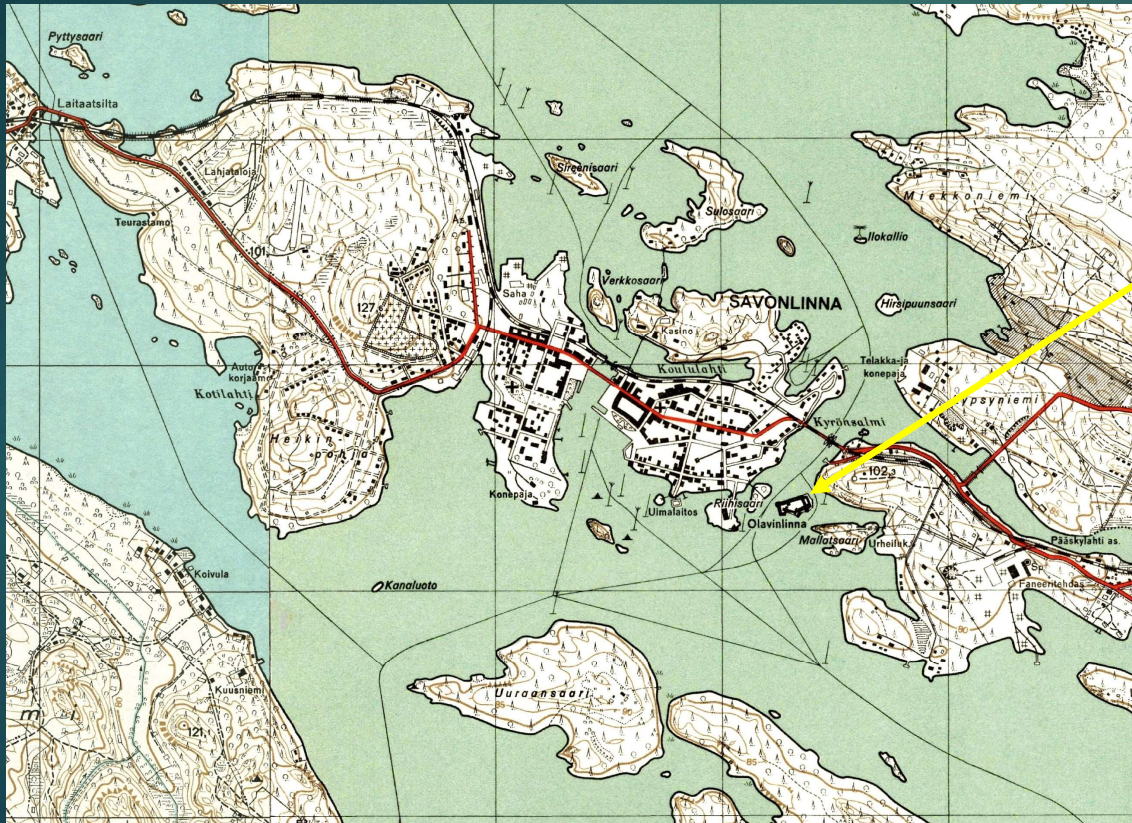
Defensive fortress

Controlling  
waterways



Savonlinna  
with  
Olavinlinna

# Savonlinna with Olavinlinna



Olavinlinna

Narrow strait:

Vigorous stream

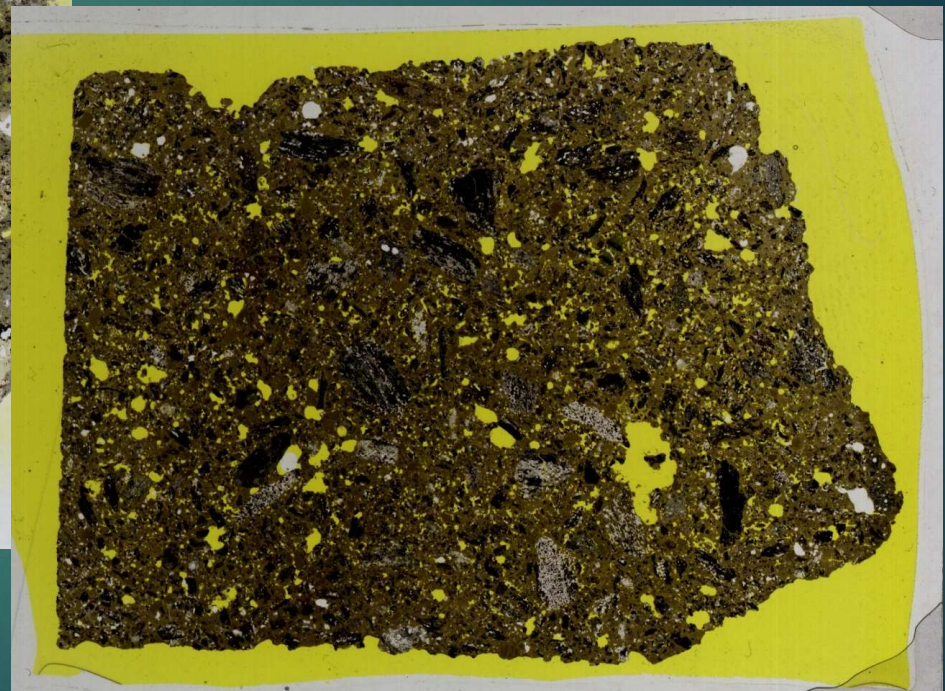
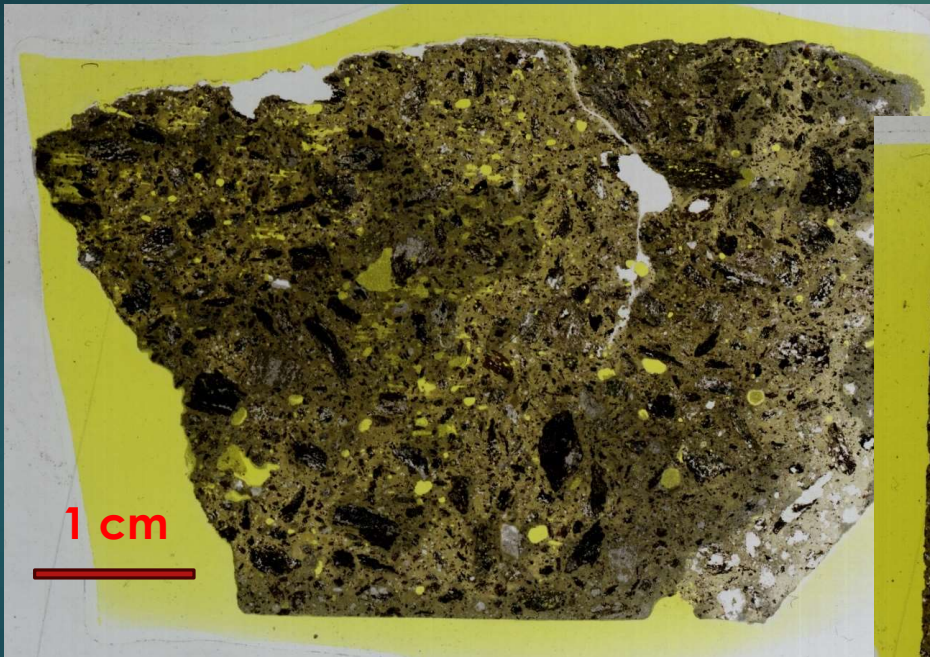
Non-freezing

1:20.000 Savonlinna-Sääminkii 1947



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Sections through the mortar samples



Binder (paste) +  
Lime lumps +

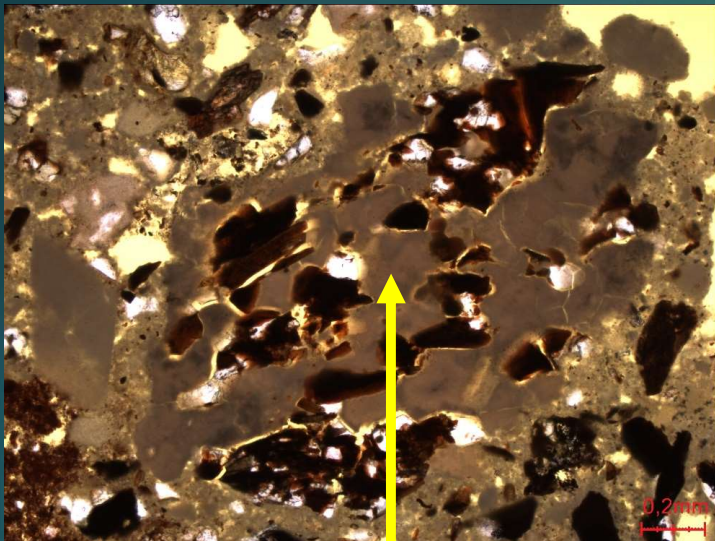
Crystalline rocks: Pyroxene skarn, cordierite gneiss, hornblende schist

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- ▶ Aggregate particles burned with the limestone
- ▶ Ancient building materials often local and characteristic
- ▶ Origin can be found
- ▶ Cultural information
- ▶ Restoration with original/equivalent materials

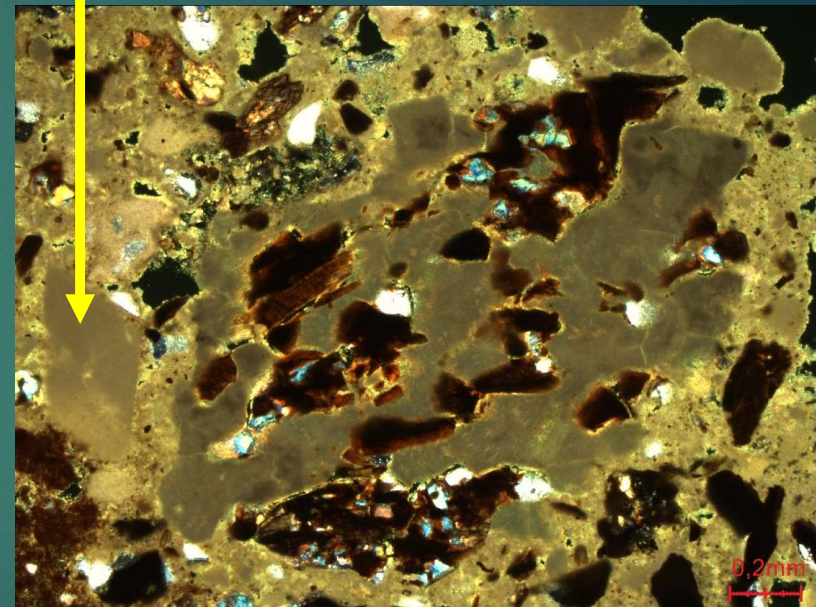


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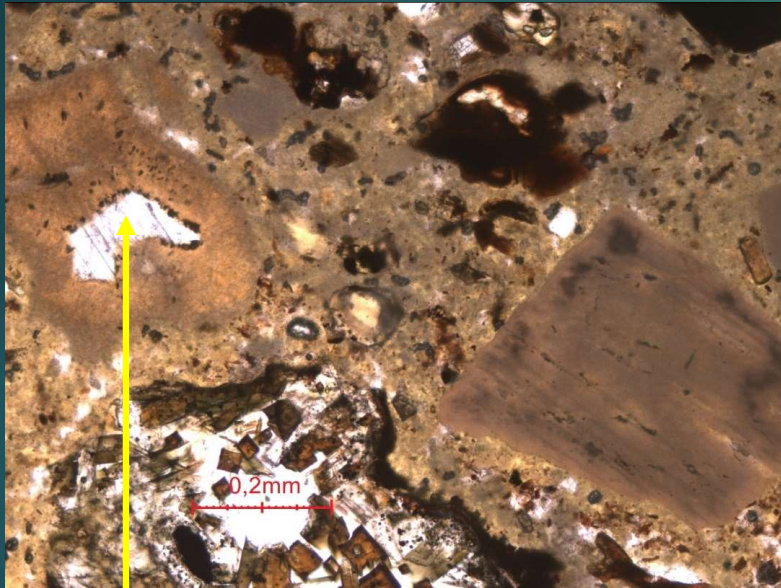
Lime lump with silicate fragments

Calcite, burned and slaked



In conclusion, the limestone was a coarsely crystalline limestone which included aggregate particles

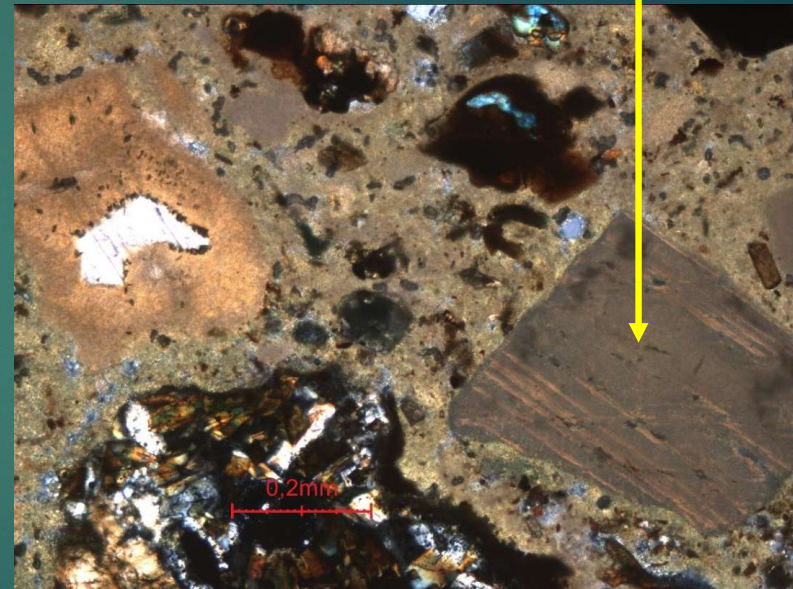
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Non burned core

0.2 mm

Calcite with twinning



In conclusion,  
the limestone was a crystalline marble like rock



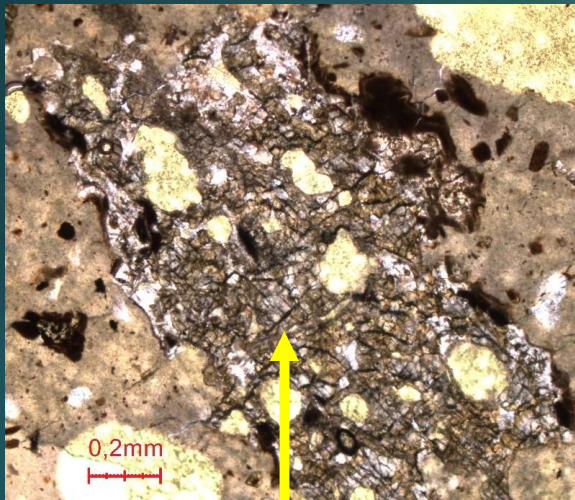
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Calcite cleavage rhombs  
from Pargas/Nordkalk



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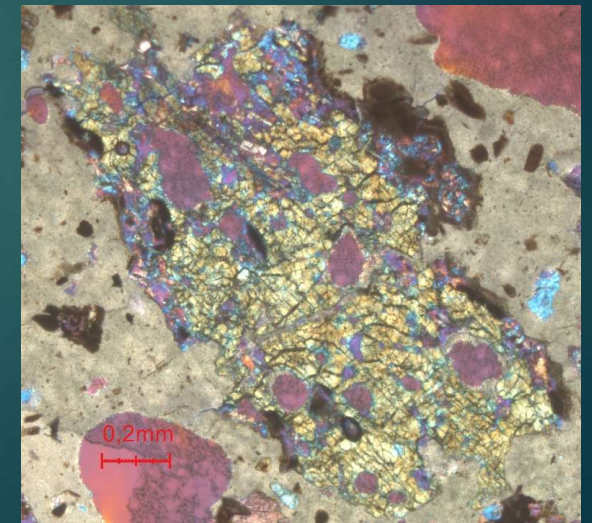


This pyroxene was burned as a part of the limestone in the kiln

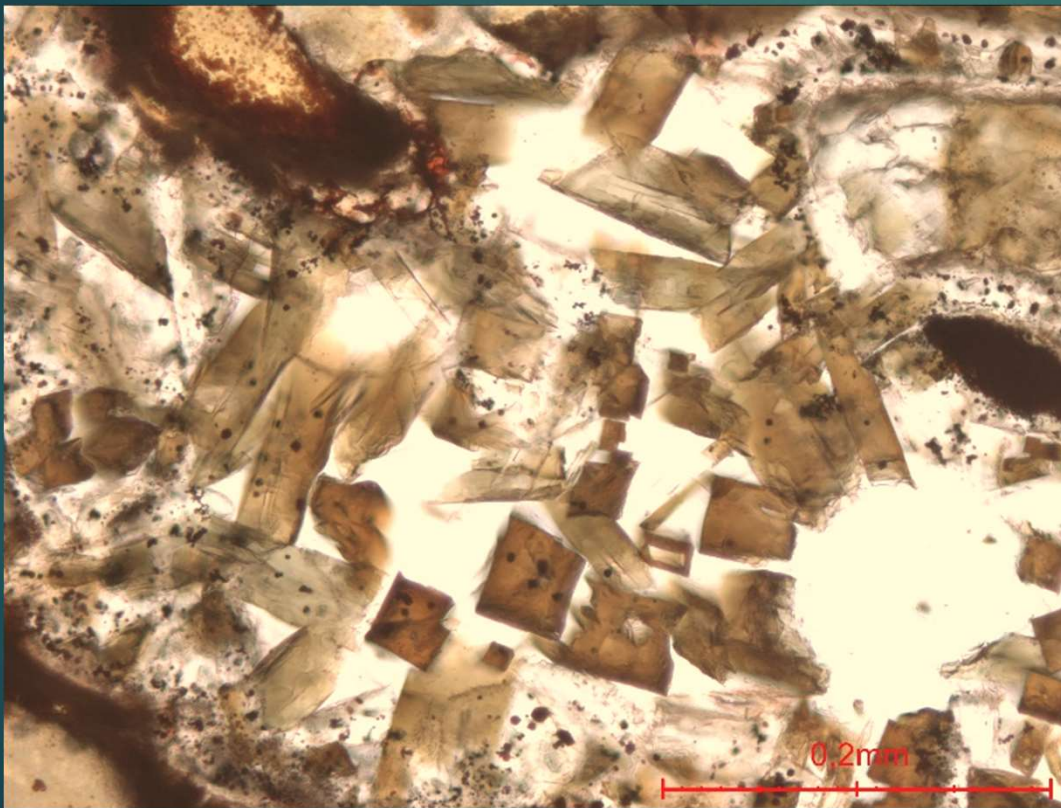
The holes in the pyroxene indicate temperatures 800-1000°C

It was burned as part of the binding media

It acted as an aggregate particle giving strength and workability/cohesion to the mortar



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Pyroxene crystals

Beautifully crystallized

Widely separated



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Geological literature:

Cordierite gneiss

Hornblende schist

Pyroxene skarn

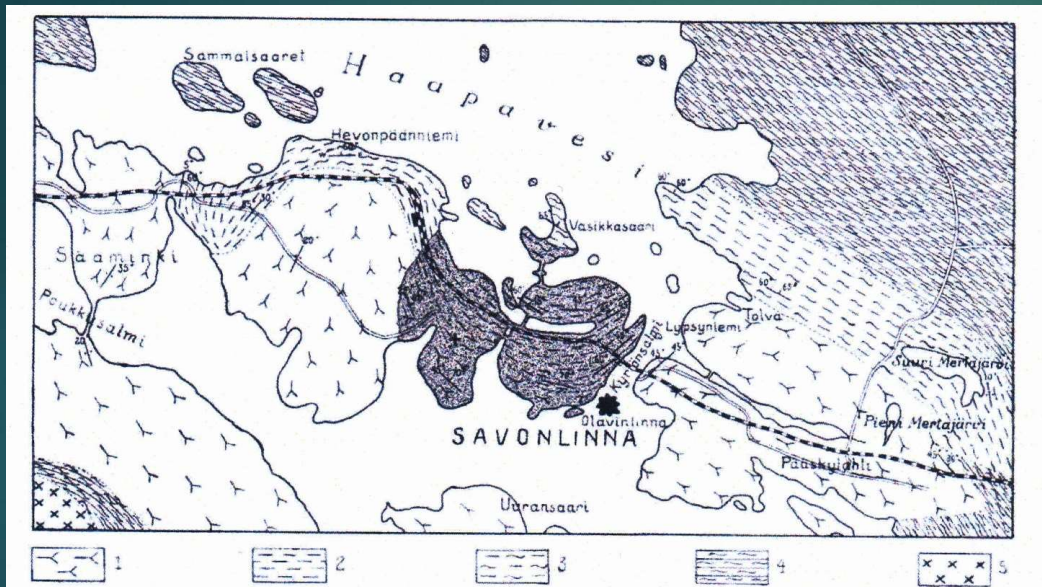


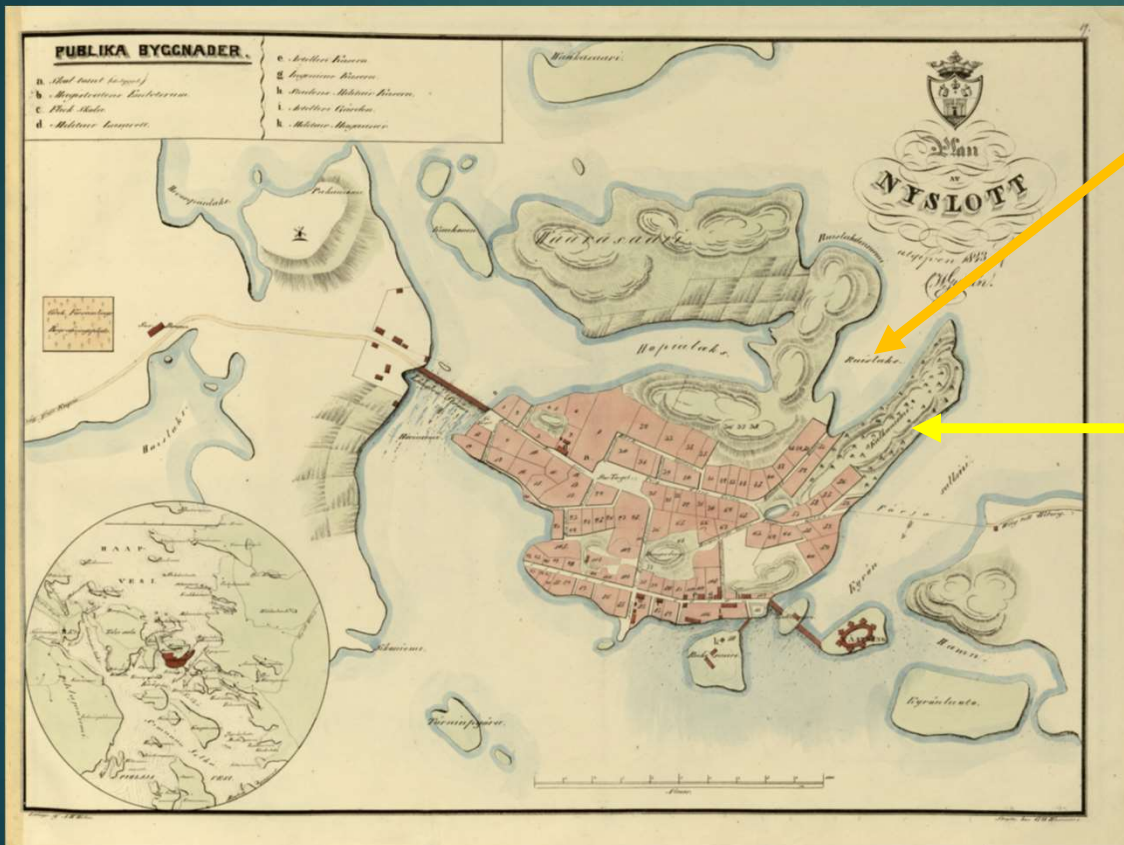
Fig. 3. Karta över staden Nyslotts (Savonlinna) omgivningar.  
Skala ca. 1 : 70 000.

1. Kordieritgneiss. 2. Hornblendeskiffer. 3. Migmatitiserad hornblendeskiffer. 4. Ådergneisartad glimmerskiffer. 5. Centralgranit. Den mörka schatteringen utmärker stadens område.

Hackman (1931:15)



# Savonlinna



Ruislahti bay  
area with an old  
limestone quarry

Kalkunieini /  
Kalkkuinniemi

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Analysis: Marble with specific rock fragments

Same rocks as the bedrock

Literature: The marbles are said to contain these specific rocks

Conclusion: The marble has the same components as the mortar

Old marble quarry close to the castle

**It was funny indeed exciting However, we can't get any closer**



Thank you for your attention



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