

14.09.2020 Birmingham Building Stone Trails

Trail 2: Centenary Square to Brindleyplace / Baskerville Memorial

"...a volume of Virgil's poetry being the first book that Baskerville printed in 1757. The letters and inscriptions are in bronze, but once again Portland Whitbed is used to construct the monument. This too has many broken fragments of oyster shell but also contains the floret-like heads of a reef forming algae, *Solenopora portlandia* which was endemic in the Portland seas. Fragments of *S. portlandia* observed here have broken off the reef and have accumulated in amongst the shell debris."

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