

Ashlar stones of the district Saalfeld-Rudolstadt (part 1)

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Abstract

Older paleozoic shists, quartzites and greywacke from the southern part of the district Saalfeld Rudolstadt were excavated in numerous stone quarries. Only when the fissures were adequate and the material has the right quality, ashlar stones could be produced and substituted.

Limestones of Silurian and Ordovician age were even more important. Cutted and grinded marble was use in the 18th and 19th century as well as in the second half of the the 20th century imposing building in the former GDR. Between 19860 and 1990 slates of lower Carbon age (“Dachschiefer”) were widly used as treads, landing slabs, door framings and window sills.