7.1.5 COFFIN WOOD IDENTIFICATION Steve Allen, York Archaeological Trust

1.0 OBJECTIVES

This report is the summary of the species identifications of a number of fragments of wood.

2.0 PROCEDURES

The objects were delivered to the Wet Wood Laboratory. Each was double bagged in self seal plastic bags, with the inner bag containing jiffy foam to support the contents, and all self seal bags were contained in the same Stewart box. Each object was in turn removed from its packaging, sampled and returned to its packaging. The samples were studied under various magnifications to identify the wood species.

3.0 CONDITION

The wood was generally in a poor state of preservation, The material was dry and degraded and in consequence, some identifications were not possible.

4.0 LISTING

The material is listed in burial number order. All species identifications follow Schweingruber, F (1982)

Catalogue

Burial No	Feature No	Context No.	Find No.	Species identification
9	45	1134	192	Not identifiable
17	7	1100	71	Pinus sylvestris L.
21	75	1195	263	Not identifiable
26	55	1161	180	Not identifiable
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30/36	76	1215	289	Quercus sp.
43	83	1228	375	?Fraxinus excelsior L.
43	83	1230	490	Quercus sp.
93	28	1114	152	Pinus sp.
101	47	1104	153	Not identifiable
112	69	1174	136	Quercus sp.
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Reference

Schweingruber, F. 1982 Microscopic Wood Anatomy (Zurich).