

SOME UNRECORDED PREHISTORIC TOOLS FROM DERBYSHIRE

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Over the years I have been able to collect together notes and drawings of unrecorded prehistoric tools found in Derbyshire. Many of the tools have been lost, most of the collectors have died and the collections have been dispersed (see notes at end for further information).

Fig. 1. Neolithic Polished stone Axe

Found at Newhaven/Hartington by Reginald Bloor.

Measurements are: length 139mm; width — tapers; cutting edge 73mm; thickness 34mm. Butt pointed.

Fig. 2. Neolithic Polished Stone Axe

Discovered by Jack Wain at Walton-on-Trent, near Walton Warren.

Overall length 150mm; cutting edge 62.5mm; thickness 35mm. A bad chip at the blade end; marks at the butt end.

Fig. 3. Neolithic Polished Stone Axe

Found in the Grange Mill area by George Gregory.

Length 146mm; cutting edge 69mm; thickness 34.5mm. Badly chipped on one side and butt; several scratch marks.

Fig. 4. Neolithic Polished Stone Adze

Found by George Gregory in the Ashover area.

Length 96mm; cutting edge 59mm; thickness 25mm. Chipped at butt end.

Fig. 5. Neolithic Polished Stone Axe

Site unknown. In the Gregory collection.

Length 65mm; cutting edge 45.5mm; thickness 29.5mm. Re-worked axe.

Fig. 6. Neolithic Polished Stone Chisel

Discovered by Reginald Bloor while fieldwalking on Brassington Moor.

Length 72mm; cutting edge 45mm; thickness 23mm.

Fig. 7. Neolithic Polished Stone Axe

Found in the Grange Mill area by George Gregory.

Length 190mm; cutting edge 76.5mm; end 38mm in thickness. Chipped along one edge and at end.

Fig. 8. Early Bronze Age Axe Hammer

Excavated at Rainster Rocks near Brassington by Vivian Stevenson.

Length 123mm; width 48.5mm; thickness 34.5mm with perforation 25mm. Made of stone with a cutting edge at one end, a hammer at the other.

Fig. 9. Early Bronze Age Axe Hammer

Found by Vivian Stevenson at Rainster Rocks.

Length 126mm; width 67mm; thickness 42mm; perforation 19mm. Made from a large pebble and perforated.

Fig. 10. Early Bronze Age, part Axe Hammer (stone)

Found at Longcliffe by Frank Radford.

Length 79mm; width 54.75mm; thickness 50mm; perforation 19mm. Cross-section shows hammer end part of the perforation.

Fig. 11. Neolithic/Early Bronze Age Pebble Hammer

Found at Hopton Moor by Reginald Bloor.

Length 80.5mm; width 71mm; thickness 41mm; perforation 20.7–40.85mm. Circular stone with 'hourglass' perforation.

Fig. 12. Early Bronze Age Flanged Axe

Discovered by George Gregory at the top of Via Gellia, 1934.

Length 150mm; cutting edge 91mm. Flanged axe with crescentic blade.

Fig. 13. Early Bronze Age Flanged Axe

Site unknown. In the Gregory collection.

Length 138mm; cutting edge 78mm. Axe with cable decoration (Arreton Down type); other examples found at Norwich and Isle of Wight.

Fig. 14. Early Bronze Age Flanged Axe

Site unknown. In the Gregory collection.

Length 160.5mm; cutting edge 60mm. Flanged axe, plain.

Fig. 15. Middle Bronze Age Palstave

In the Gregory collection.

Length 142mm; cutting edge 60mm. Palstave with trident decoration and crescentic blade to the axe.

Fig. 16. Late Bronze Age Socketed Axe

Found at Big Wood, Allestree Park, by Derek Holbrook with the aid of a metal detector.

Length 85mm; width 47mm.

Fig. 17. Middle Bronze Age Rapier

Found by George Turton in the gravel workings at Stretton-on-Trent (Hilton Gravels near Burton-on-Trent). Still in the possession of the Turton family.

Length 44.5mm; rivet 1.5mm. Rapier with one rivet.

Fig. 18. Late Bronze Age Sword

Found in gravel workings with mechanical digger at Church Wilne (SK 446320) by Brian Smith of Breaston, purchased by Derby Museum.

Length 52mm; rivet 2.5mm. Ewart Park type, in two pieces with one rivet.

Notes on the finders of the Prehistoric Tools

Reginald Bloor of Brassington (Figs. 1, 6, 11)

A locomotive driver on the Cromford and High Peak Railway.

Jack Wain of Bretby (Fig. 2)

He was an industrial chemist at Bass Brewery at Burton. He also found Saxon pottery at Drakelow Power Station.

George Gregory of Grangemill (Figs. 3, 4, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15)

His earliest find was Fig. 12 in 1934 and he continued to collect most things locally and at markets and salesrooms. Then he was given an inheritance and he was able to move to Ashover and extend his collection, which after his death, passed to his sister Mrs Critchlow at Wingfield Manor and subsequently to her son. The collection is still at Wingfield Manor.

Vivian Stevenson of Carsington (Figs. 8 and 9)

Both items lost. He was a geologist.

Frank Radford of Brassington (Fig. 10)

He worked at Steetly Refractory Brick Company at Harborough Rocks. His hobby was collecting flint artefacts.

Derek Holbrook of Derby (Fig. 16)

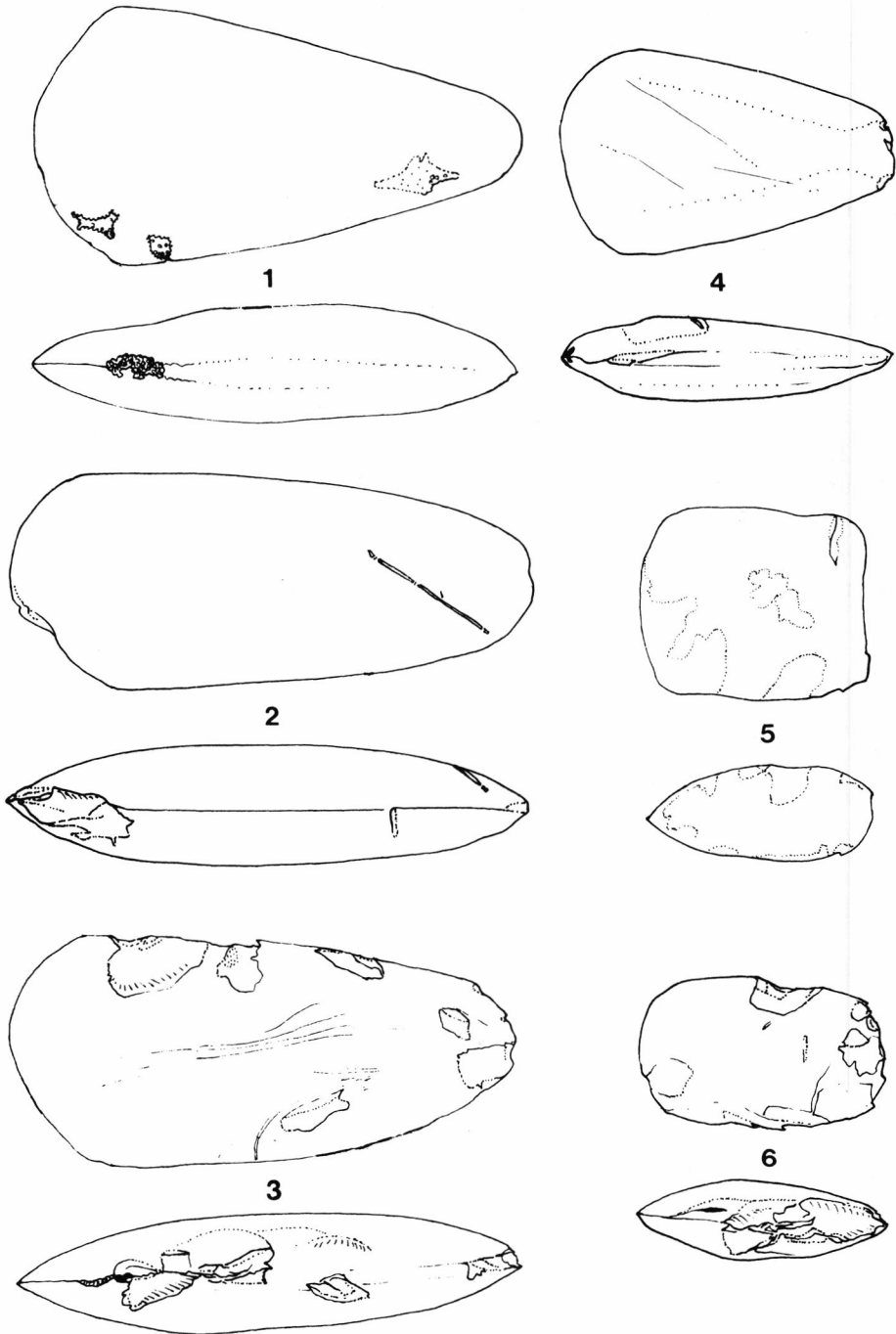
One of a group of metal-detector enthusiasts.

George Turton of Nuthall (Notts.) (Fig. 17)

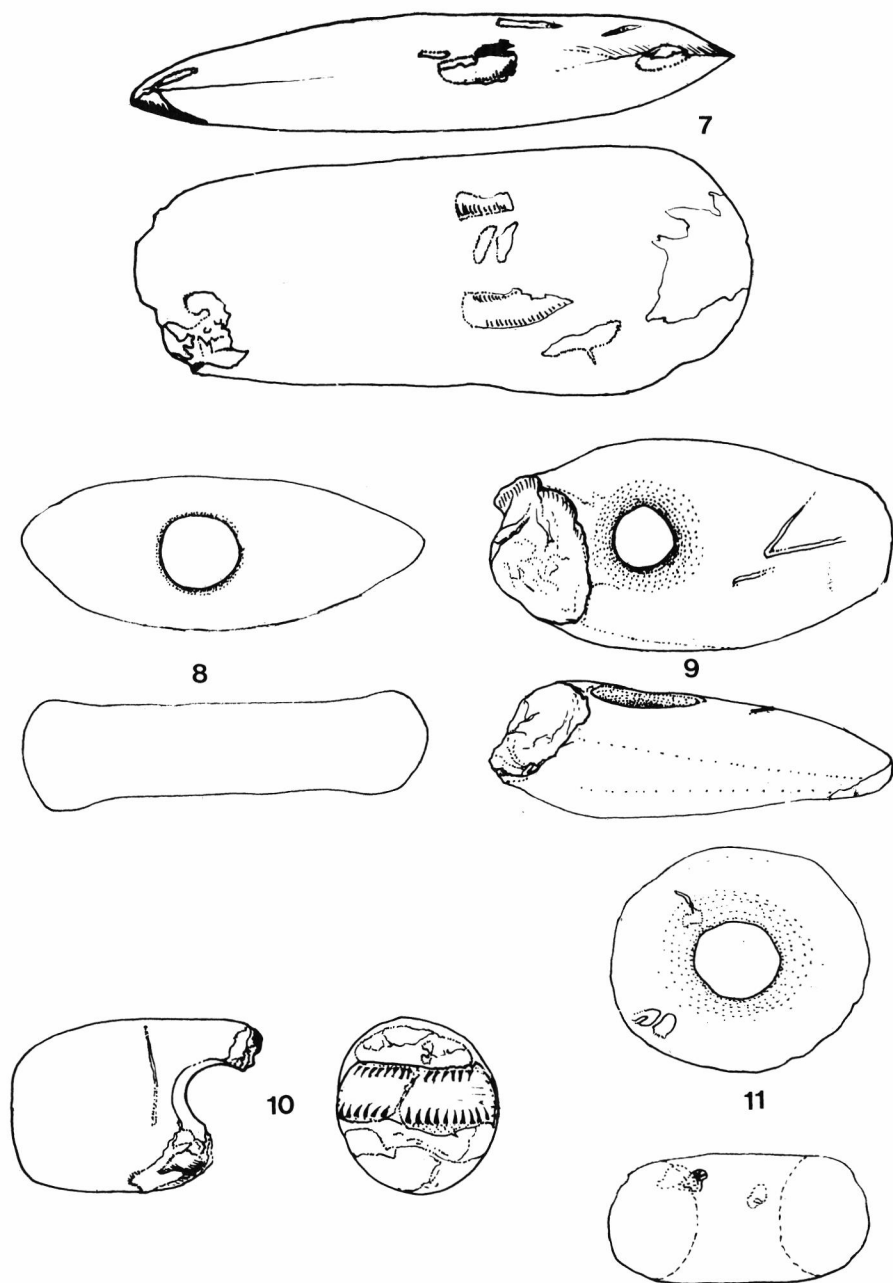
Electrical engineer. Collector of flint axes. The rapier passed on to his grandson. He gave the flint axes to Derby Museum.

Brian Smith of Breaston (Fig. 18)

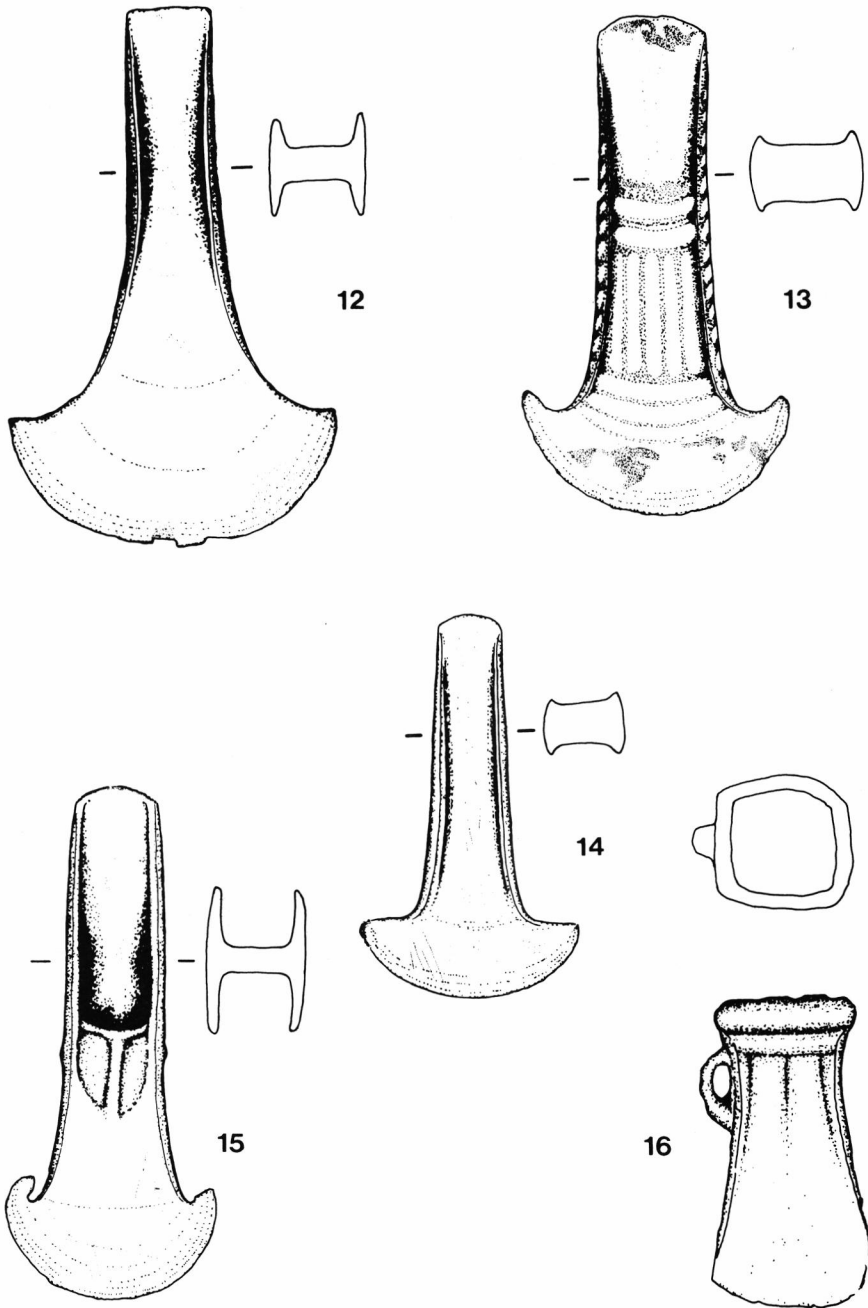
Mechanical excavator operator. The sword was bought by Derby Museum.



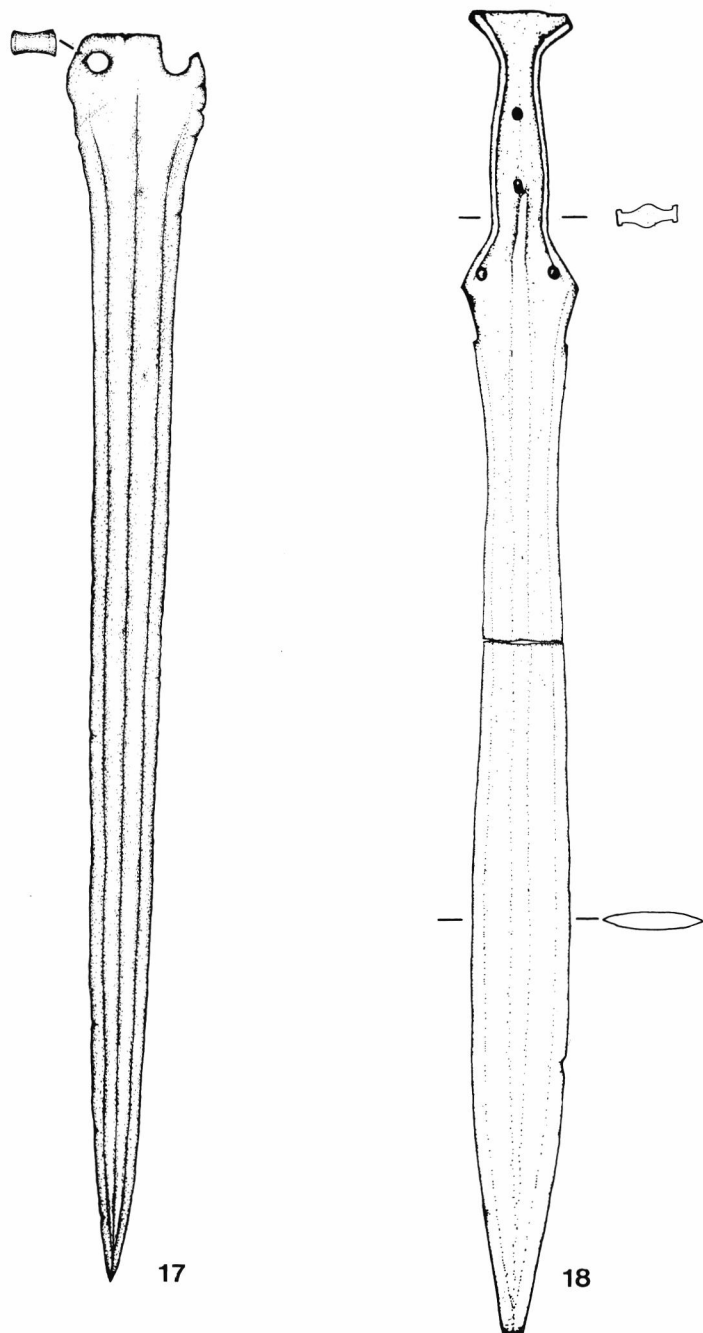
Figs. 1 to 6: Neolithic stone tools.



Figs. 7 to 11: Neolithic and Bronze Age stone tools.



Figs. 12 to 16: Bronze Age axes.



Figs. 17 and 18: Bronze Age rapier and sword.