

TABLE 1

Growth patterns of twelve trees used in the construction of Weepers. Numbers as shown on the plans and elevations

1. Arcade post	Oak standard in coppice wood
2. Arcade-plate	Elderly tree on edge of woodland with small branches growing after coppicing
3. Studs	Mature standard oak, slow growing from mature woodland, 59 rings
4. Parlour axial beam	Mature standard oak with small branches due to coppicing, 120–50 years
5. Tie-beam	Tall mature tree. Slow growing, 130 years
6. Post	Tree with evidence of a pollarded top, 56 years
7. Post	Standard in coppice woodland, 50 years
8. Post	Heart wood of standard grown in coppice woodland. Slow growing
9. Post	Misshapen standard tree, 35 years
10. Wall-plate	Mature standard, very tall tree
11. Hall axial beam (17th century)	Standard tree in coppice with a 20-year rotation
12. Hall hearth mantel-beam (17th century)	Standard tree in a coppice with a 20-year rotation. At least 85 years

### LICENCES TO CRENELLATE

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### THE KILKENNY CONFERENCE, 1982

The 25th Annual Conference of the Society was held in Kilkenny from 2 to 7 April 1982. The theme was 'Medieval Kilkenny and its Region'. Members were welcomed by the President of the Kilkenny Archaeological Society to their premises at Rothe House, the history and restoration of which was described by Mrs M. Phelan. Professor F.-J. Byrne and Dr K. Simms then introduced the medieval history of the region and Mr J. Bradley lectured on 'Medieval Kilkenny'; after dinner, Mr M. Ryan lectured on 'The Derrynaflan hoard' which was followed by a reception from the Kilkenny Archaeological Society. On 3 April the following lectures were given: Dr T. Barry on 'Medieval earthworks', Mr D. Johnson on 'Medieval stone castles', and Mr R. Stalley on 'Gothic architecture'; there followed a visit to Kilkenny Castle to view the Board of Works' exhibition of finds from medieval sites in SE.