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#### SUMMARY

Analysis undertaken on 64 of the 67 samples taken from various parts of this building resulted in the construction and dating of two site sequences. AUKBSQ01 contains 11 samples and spans the period AD 1370–1520 and AUKBSQ02 contains 40 samples and dates to AD 1425–1698.

Timbers were identified in the roof over the Long Dining Room as being felled in AD 1520, whilst the timbers from King Charles' Room roof were felled in AD 1517–42. Two other potentially early timbers, with a *terminus post quem* for felling of AD 1482 and AD 1518 respectively, represent the extant remnants of a roof.

The Stairway roof contains timbers with signs of reuse which represent several different felling periods, timbers having been felled in AD 1515–40, AD 1642–67, and AD 1682–1707. Similarly the ceiling of the Castle Lodge cellar has timbers dated to AD 1587–1612, AD 1637–62, and AD 1658–83.

The ceiling beams in the Throne Room Undercroft were felled in AD 1651–72. The Scotland Wing roof contains timbers felled in AD 1670–95 and AD 1709–34, with the earlier of these potentially representing reused timber.

None of the samples from the Chapel could be dated.

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## INTRODUCTION

Auckland Castle, also known as Auckland Palace or the Bishop's Castle or Palace is located in the town of Bishop Auckland (Figs 1–3). It has been the official residence of the Bishop of Durham since AD 1832, although it has been owned by the diocese for more than 800 years. It was originally established as a hunting lodge for the Prince Bishops of Durham. Around the castle are 800 acres of parkland, once used by the Bishops for hunting and today open to the public.

The areas described below are those pertinent to this analysis.

#### Roof over the Long Dining Room

The Long Dining Room located on the first floor between the Throne Room and the King Charles Room (Fig 4) is part of the sixteenth-century additions attributed to Bishops Ruthall and Tunstall and is thought to date to c AD 1530. The roof above this part of the building has a very shallow pitch and consists of at least six trusses forming a single-pitch lean-to structure (Fig 5).

## Roof over the King Charles' Room

Also thought to belong to this period is King Charles' Room, located immediately to the south of the Long Dining Room (Fig 4). The roof above this room contains pine trusses, thought to be eighteenth century, which sit on the remnants of an earlier oak roof. These remains consist of tiebeams and main ceiling joists (Fig 6).

#### Remnants of roof

A small number of redundant timbers can be seen in the north wall which separates the roofs above the Long Dining Room and the Throne Room, which are believed to be the remains of an earlier roof. From the Long Dining Room side a beam or plate aligned eastwest and some other north-south beams below it can be seen (Fig 7). From the Throne Room side another east-west beam can be seen (it is unclear whether this is in fact the same beam), with north-south beams above it (Fig 8).

## Roof and floor above the Stairway

The roof above the Stairway, located to the west of the Throne Room (Fig 4) is thought to be late-eighteenth century in date. It consists of principal rafter trusses with collars and purlins and can be seen to contain a number of reused oak timbers which may date to the medieval period. Additionally, the floor structure to the roof space contains a number of oak beams which also show signs of reuse (Figs 9 and 10).

#### Throne Room Undercroft ceiling

Beneath the Throne Room is the Undercroft, the ceiling of which contains several oak ceiling beams, some of which have redundant mortices (Fig 11). The room is thought to date to the fourteenth century.

#### Castle Lodge cellar ceiling

The Castle Lodge is located to the south-west of the castle itself. The ceiling of the cellar consists of a main south-north beam with east-west common joists (Fig 12). This house is thought to predate the Gatehouse which is believed to date to pre AD 1660.

#### Scotland Wing

The following is taken from an unpublished description written by Peter Ryder.

A narrow two-storeyed wing, long known simply as 'Scotland', extends west from the main group of buildings at Auckland Castle. It is generally thought to be of sixteenthcentury date, although its north wall is exceptionally thick at ground-level and may be a remnant of something earlier. The roof structure is of 15 irregular bays; the trusses are all of basic overall form – of principal rafter construction with a single collar – but show a considerable variety in scantling and quality of timbers, reuse of members, and later modification (Fig 13). The trusses referred to are numbered from west to east (Fig 30), and the only evidence of an original carpenters' numbering scheme was the figure 'IV' on the west face of truss 6.

Trusses I-3 all have collars halved in from the west, and carry two levels of purlins, and a diagonally-set ridge set between the overlapped ends of the principals. Truss 4 is similar but appears to have its principals lapped across the east face of the tiebeam. Truss 5 is more substantial, with its collar morticed in, and the ridge carried by the north principal, which over-rides the south. In contrast truss 6 is a cruder piece of work with slight reverse curves to its principals and a collar halved onto the west face, and the ridge carried between the overlapped ends of the blades. Truss 7 is another more substantial piece, with its collar morticed into the principals, the deep northern one of which (perhaps reused) has empty through-mortices for former butt purlins. The collar has a series of small sockets for light ceiling laths. Truss 8 is similar, except that its principals are of similar size (without the evidence for butt purlins); the collar has faint chalk writing 'Bless inn ..... of the Lord'. Truss 9 is another crude one, very like truss 6, with in-curved principals and a collar halved in from the west, whereas Truss 10 reverts to the neater form with morticed-in collar and a ridge carried on the over-riding end of the north principal. Truss 11 returns to the form of trusses 6 and 9 (although with straight blades), and a collar with a long row of sockets for ceiling joists, with below it light studding carrying a lath partition on its east face. Truss 12, set very close to truss 11, is of the

neater type, and has evidence for butt purlins again, and a unique thick collar (with joist sockets) which laps round both sides of the principals. Truss 13 is similar but with a conventional collar halved in from the west, and without earlier purlin evidence, although this is seen once more on the last truss, 14, which uniquely has its collar halved in from the east.

## Chapel

This was built in the twelfth century by Bishop Hugh de le Puiset as a Banqueting Hall. It was converted to a chapel by Bishop John Cosin who arrived at Auckland in AD 1660, replacing the original chapel which had been demolished by Sir Arthur Hazlerigg after he acquired the site in AD 1646. The interior walls were raised to form the clerestory and a highly decorated panelled ceiling constructed (Fig 14). The side aisles (Fig 15) were also raised in the nineteenth century by Bishop van Mildert. The Chapel underwent a major restoration about 25 years ago which included the replacement of some of the ceiling beams.

## SAMPLING

Sampling was requested by Jacqui Huntley, English Heritage, to help inform advice relating to the statement of significance being produced for the building.

Following a detailed assessment of dendrochronological potential by the authors it was agreed that sampling should be undertaken in a number of areas of the building. Thus a total of 67 timbers was sampled by coring. Each sample was given the code AUK-B (for Auckland, site 'B') and numbered 01–67. Seven of these samples are from the King Charles Room roof (AUK-B01–07), 11 from the roof above the Stairway (AUK-B08–18), 11 from the Long Dining Room roof (AUK-B19–29), four from the remains of a roof at the junction between the Long Dining Room roof and the Throne Room roof (AUK-B30–3), five from the Undercroft ceiling beams (AUK-B34–8), six from the Castle Lodge cellar ceiling (AUK-B39–44), 13 from the Scotland Wing roof (AUK-B45–57), and ten from the aisle roofs in the Chapel (AUK-B58-67). It was not possible to undertake sampling in the nave of the Chapel due to the extreme height of the timbers which made it too unsafe from a tower scaffold. Unfortunately, the position of fixed pews along the outer walls of both aisles also hindered access, thereby greatly reducing the number of timbers which could be reached. The location of samples was noted at the time of sampling and has been marked on Figures 16–39. Further details relating to the samples can be found in Table 1.

A number of other roofs were assessed for their potential suitability for tree-ring dating. These were constructed of pine but discussions led to the decision to concentrate on the oak timbers at this time. Additionally, the oak timbers of the Mural tower were found to be wide ringed with insufficient growth rings for secure dating to be viable. Access to the timbers of the 'In-fill' roof, between the Chapel and Throne Room (Fig 4) was extremely limited (Fig 40) and although one or two timbers could be reached it was felt that due to the limited number of accessible timbers and their sporadic nature sampling would not have provided a coherent interpretation of the roof, even if dates had been gained.

## ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

Three samples, two from the Remnants of roof (AUK-B32 and AUK-B33) and one from the Scotland Wing roof (AUK-B50) were found to have too few rings for secure dating and so were discarded prior to analysis. The remaining 64 samples were prepared by sanding and polishing and their growth-ring widths measured; the data of these measurements are given at the end of the report. These samples were then compared with each other by the Litton/Zainodin grouping procedure (see Appendix), resulting in 51 samples matching to form two groups.

Firstly, 11 samples matched each other and were combined at the relevant offset positions to form AUKBSQ01, a site sequence of 151 rings (Fig 41). This site sequence was compared with a series of relevant oak chronologies where it was found to match consistently and securely at a first-ring date of AD 1370 and a last-measured ring date of AD 1520. The evidence for this dating is given in Table 2.

Another forty samples grouped to form a second site sequence, AUKBSQ02 (Fig 42). This site sequence is of 274 rings and when compared against the reference chronologies was found to span the period AD 1425–1698. The evidence for this dating is given in Table 3.

Attempts were then made to date the remaining 13 ungrouped samples by comparing them individually against the reference chronologies but these were unsuccessful and all remain undated.

## INTERPRETATION

Tree-ring analysis has resulted in the successful dating of two site sequences which together contain 51 samples. To aid interpretation samples from each area have been illustrated and discussed separately (Fig 43).

## Roof over the Long Dining Room

Ten samples from this part of the building were successfully dated (three cross beams and three chocks within AUKBSQ01 and four purlins within AUKBSQ02) and appear to form a coeval group. One of these (AUK-B29) has complete sapwood and the last ring date of AD 1520, the felling date of the timber represented. A further seven of these samples have the heartwood/sapwood boundary, which in all cases are broadly contemporary and suggestive of a single felling. The average heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date is AD 1499, allowing an estimated felling date to be calculated for the seven timbers

represented to within the range AD 1517–39 (allowing for sample AUK-B24 to have a last-measured ring date of AD 1516 with incomplete sapwood), consistent with these samples also having been felled in AD 1520. The remaining two dated samples (AUK-B20 and AUK-B22) have last-measured heartwood ring dates in the mid-fifteenth century making it possible that these were also felled in AD 1520.

## Roof over the King Charles' Room

Seven of the timbers here have been dated (three within AUKBSQ01 and four within AUKBSQ02), again appearing to form a coeval group. Six of these have the heartwood/sapwood boundary, which in all cases is broadly contemporary and suggestive of a single felling. The average heartwood/sapwood boundary ring is AD 1502 which allows an estimated felling date to be calculated for the six timbers represented to within the range AD 1517–42. The single dated sample without the heartwood/sapwood boundary (AUK-B01) has a last measured heartwood ring date which makes it possible that it was also felled in AD 1517–42.

#### Remnants of roof

Only two of the timbers taken from the remains of an earlier roof at the junction between the Long Dining Room and the Throne Room were dated (one within AUKBSQ01 and one in AUKBSQ02), neither of which have the heartwood/sapwood boundary ring. Sample AUK-B30 was dated to a last measured heartwood ring date of AD 1467 and AUK-B31 to a last measured heartwood ring date of AD 1503. This allows a terminus post quem for felling to be calculated for the timbers represented of AD 1482 and AD 1518 respectively.

## Roof and floor above the Stairway

Eight of the timbers from this roof and two from the floor were successfully dated (one in AUKBSQ01 and nine in AUKBSQ02), only four of which have the heartwood/sapwood boundary ring. AUK-B08 and AUK-B15 (a collar and a floor beam) have similar heartwood/sapwood boundary ring dates, the average of which is AD 1500, giving an estimated felling date for the two timbers represented within the range AD 1515–40. Sample AUK-B18 (a collar) has the heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date of AD 1627, allowing an estimated felling date range to be calculated for the timber represented within the range AD 1642–67. Sample AUK-B10 (a collar) has the latest heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date of AD 1667, giving an estimated felling date for the timber represented within the range AD 1667, giving an estimated felling date for the timber represented within the range AD 1667, giving an estimated felling date for the timber represented within the range AD 1667, giving an estimated felling date for the timber represented within the range AD 1682–1707. Two (AUK-B12 and AUK-B14), a common rafter and a floor beam, of the remaining six dated samples have last measured heartwood ring dates in the later fifteenth century making it possible that they were felled in any of the three felling date ranges given above. The other four dated samples (three

common rafters and a collar) have last measured heartwood ring dates in the sixteenth century or early seventeenth century and so could have been felled in either of the two later felling date ranges. Alternatively, given that the timbers used in this part of the building show obvious signs of reuse it is possible that completely different felling/s are represented by these timbers.

#### Throne Room Undercroft ceiling

Five of these timbers were dated, all within site sequence AUKBSQ02. All five samples have the heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date, which in all cases is broadly contemporary and suggestive of a single felling. The average heartwood/sapwood boundary ring is AD 1632, allowing an estimated felling date to be calculated for the five timbers represented to within the range AD 1651–72, allowing for the presence of a last measured ring dating to AD 1650 on AUK-B38.

## Castle Lodge cellar ceiling

All six samples taken from this ceiling were successfully dated, all within AUKBSQ02. The main beam (AUK-B39) has the heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date of AD 1572, allowing an estimated felling date to be calculated for the timber represented to within the range AD 1587–1612. One of the common joists (AUK-B44) has the heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date of AD 1622, giving an estimated felling date for the timber represented of AD 1637–62. Three other common joists also have the heartwood/sapwood boundary which in all cases is broadly contemporary and suggestive of a single felling. The average heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date to be calculated for the three timbers represented to AD 1658–83. The final dated sample does not have the heartwood/sapwood boundary but with a last-measured heartwood ring date of AD 1600 it is possible it was felled in either AD 1637–62 or AD 1658–83.

## Scotland Wing

Eleven of the samples from this roof were successfully dated, all within AUKBSQ02. Five of these have the heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date, one of which is substantially earlier than the other four. Sample AUK-B53 has the heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date of AD 1655, allowing an estimated felling date to be calculated for the timber represented to within the range AD 1670–95. The other four samples have similar heartwood/sapwood boundary ring dates which are suggestive of a single felling. The average heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date is AD 1694, allowing an estimated felling date range to be calculated for the four timbers represented of AD 1709–34. The other six dated samples do not have the heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date but with last-measured heartwood ring dates ranging from AD 1589 (AUK-B55) to AD 1653 (AUK-

B56) these timbers could have been felled either in AD 1670–95 or AD 1709–34, or indeed in a separate felling/s altogether. It can be said though that one of these samples (AUK-B56) does match AUK-B53 at the value of t =7.4 which might lend further support to this sample also having a felling date of AD 1670–95.

All felling date ranges have been calculated using the estimate that mature oak trees in this area have between 15 and 40 sapwood rings.

## DISCUSSION

Prior to tree-ring analysis being undertaken the Long Dining Room (and presumably the roof above it) was thought to date to *c* AD 1530. The King Charles Room was believed to date to the same period, and although much of the roof above this room had obviously been replaced in pine in the eighteenth century, these new trusses sit on oak beams, thought to be the remains of an earlier roof. Remains of another redundant roof are seen in the wall between the Long Dining Room and Throne Room roofs but it was unclear exactly when these timbers might date to. Although the Chapel building itself is thought to date to the twelfth century, the roofs were believed to be seventeenth century, although they were also known to have undergone further work in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The Castle Lodge was thought to be pre AD 1660 whilst the roof above the Stairway is believed to be eighteenth century but clearly contains reused timber, as does the floor there. Also thought to be eighteenth century is the roof of the Scotland Wing, although the wing itself is thought to be sixteenth century.

The earliest dates obtained are from the roofs above the Long Dining Room and the King Charles Room. Timbers from the Long Dining Room roof are now known to have been felled in AD 1520, with construction believed to have followed shortly after. The oak beams upon which the pine trusses of the roof above the King Charles Room sit, thought to be the remains of an earlier roof have been dated to AD 1517–42, a date which suggests survival of historic beams associated with the construction of the room beneath. These dates support and strengthen those attributed to these parts of the castle from documentary sources.

Also potentially early, are the redundant timbers in the wall between the roofs above the Long Dining Room and the Throne Room. Two of these have been dated, one to a terminus post quem for felling of AD 1482 and one to a *terminus post quem* for felling of AD 1518.

The roof and attic floor above the Stairway can be seen to contain a large number of reused timbers. At least two of these timbers are now known to have been felled in AD 1515–40, one in AD 1642–67, and one in AD 1682–1707. Of the remaining dated timbers from this roof, two could have been felled in any of these date ranges with the other four possibly being felled in either of the later two ranges. Alternatively, given that the roof and floor are obviously constructed from timber of various dates it is possible that additional felling/s are represented within the timbers.

The Castle Lodge cellar ceiling also contains timbers representing several different phases of felling. The main beam was felled in AD 1587–1612, whereas one of the common joists dates to AD 1637–62, and a further three timbers to AD 1658–83. This may mean that the main beam was salvaged from a previous structure when the ceiling was constructed in the mid-seventeenth century or that the ceiling was constructed in AD 1587–1612 and renewed or repaired later in the seventeenth century in the form of replacement joists. Given that this building is believed to be pre AD 1660 it seems most likely that the latter explanation is the correct one.

Timber belonging to the third quarter of the seventeenth century was found within the Throne Room Undercroft ceiling. Here a number of beams were dated to AD 1651–72. It is not clear whether these beams are reused, something further study may clarify, and so whether this dates the construction of the ceiling or simply of the timbers. It is possible that these timbers relate to the substantial renovation works undertaken by Bishop Cosin (AD 1660–72)

The latest material identified was within the roof of the Scotland Wing. Here one beam was dated to AD 1670–95 and a further four to AD 1709– 34. The earlier date was gained for the north principal of truss 7 which Peter Ryder had suggested might be reused. The dates gained do seem to support this, suggesting construction occurred in the first half of the eighteenth century and incorporated at least one earlier timber.

It is unfortunate that no timber was dated from the Chapel. However, given the limited number of accessible timbers and the fact that from a visual inspection it could be seen that the timber appeared to be of various different phases it is perhaps not surprising that no sample matching occurred. With the longest Chapel sample being only 68 rings, it is also unsurprising that it was not possible to successfully date any individual samples either.

Amongst the samples we have at least one, and a few possible 'same tree' matches. In all cases these high matches are between samples from the same areas. Samples AUK-B06 and AUK-B07, both from the roof above the King Charles Room, match each other at a value of t=24.2 with the next 'best' match being between AUK-B36 and AUK-B37 (both Undercroft ceiling samples) matching at t=13.3.

It can be seen that both AUKBSQ01 and AUKBSQ02 match most highly against reference chronologies from the north-east (Tables 2 and 3) and yet they do not match against each other, despite having overlapping date spans. This suggests the use of at least two separate woodland sources for the timber, perhaps not unexpected given the size of the building. Furthermore, it can be seen that the Long Dining Room, the King Charles' Room, the roof Remnants, and above the Stairway contain some timbers in AUKBSQ01 and some in AUKBSQ02, suggesting individual phases contain timbers of separate sources. It may be that the timber element (or even who was undertaking that task) determined which source was used. Amongst the King Charles' Room samples those taken from cross-beams are in AUKBSQ01 and those from tiebeams and wall plates are in

AUKBSQ02 and the amongst the dated Long Dining Room samples, cross beams and chocks are in AUKBSQ01 and purlins in AUKBSQ02.

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## TABLES

## Table 1: Details of tree-ring samples from Auckland Castle

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ALGG2         North Packan         91         No.         141         901         1524           ALGG2         North walpas         67         16         163         504         1524           ALGG2         North walpas         67         16         163         504         1524           ALGG2         Start walpas         67         16         143         944         1536           ALGG3         Start sorting rate 3.0p 2         95         -         1497          1636           ALGG3         Start sorting rate 3.0p 2         36         -         1490          1636           ALGG3         Start sorting rate 3.0p 2         36         -         1490          1635           ALGG3         ALGG3         Start sorting rate 3.0p 2         36         -         1470          1635           ALGG3         Start sorting rate 3.0p 2         38         8         -         1470          1470           ALGG3         Start sorting rate 3.0p 2         138          1470         1470         1470         1470           ALGG3         Start sorting rate 3.0p 2         138          1470	ALIK-B04	South tiebeam	64	h/s	1437	1500	1500
ALCAGN         North Subject         67         m.         (193)         (194)         (194)           ALCAGN         South Walkate         6         10         (193)         (193)         (193)           ALCAGN         Columents         113         6         (194)         (193)         (193)           ALCAGN         Columents         113         6         (194)         (194)         (194)           ALCAGN         Columents         113         6         (194)         (194)         (194)           ALCAGN         Columents         113         6         (194)         (194)         (194)         (194)           ALCAGN         Columents         113         6         (194)         (194)         (194)           ALCAGN         Columents         114         114         (194)         (194)         (194)           ALCAGN <t< td=""><td>AUK-B05</td><td>North tiebeam</td><td>64</td><td>h/s</td><td>1441</td><td>1504</td><td>1500</td></t<>	AUK-B05	North tiebeam	64	h/s	1441	1504	1500
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AUR.620         Color torus <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 65         No         494         1498         1498           AUR.610         Color torus <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 113         No         535         1667         1677           AUR.610         Color torus <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 113         No         535         1667         1677           AUR.610         Color torus <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 134         -         434         -         164           AUR.613         Color torus <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 13         -         434         1502         502           AUR.614         Color torus <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 13         -         477         -         157           AUR.610         Color torus <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 13         -         477         -         157           AUR.610         Color torus <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 13         -         477         167         167           AUR.610         Color torus <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 13         -         477         167         167           AUR.620         Color torus <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 14         No         167         169         167           AUR.620         Color torus <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 16         No         44         150         166           AU	Roof and floor ab	ove the Stairway – reused		1.00	1 1 107		
ALKESIC         Soch-corrective bay         SQ          H47          G3           ALKESIC         Soch-corrective bay         134          H40          H40           ALKESIC         Soch-corrective bay         134          H40          H40           ALKESIC         ALKESIC         Mathematic bay         136          H40          H40           ALKESIC         ALKESIC         Mathematic bay         136          H41         ISC         H50           ALKESIC         Alkesic         Mathematic bay         136          H70          H70           ALKESIC         Alkesic         Alkesic         Mathematic bay         136          H70         H70         H70           ALKESIC         Color bay         136         H60         H30         ISO         H50           ALKESIC         Color bay         14         H20         H	AUK-B08	Collar. truss 2	65	h/s	1434	1498	1498
Aukle 1         Column and P. by 3         113         MA         155         1697         1687           AUKle 1         South temmorable Aug 3         54         -         1441         -         1647           AUKle 3         South temmorable Aug 3         54         -         1441         -         1648           AUKle 3         South temmorable Aug 3         51         -         1441         -         1647           AUKle 3         South temmorable Aug 3         51         -         1647         1507         1507           AUKle 3         Column 200         33         -         1640         1677         167           AUKle 3         Column 200         Temmorable Aug 200         168         -         -         -         169           AUKle 3         Column 201         168         -         -         169         169           AUKle 3         Column 201         164         163         169         169         169         169           AUKle 3         Column 201         174         161         169         169         169         169         169         169         169         169         169         169         169         169	AUK-B09	South common rafter 3, bay 2	90		1447		1536
AUG81         South common rather 1, any 3         136         -         1410         -         613           AUG81         South common rather 1, any 3         53         -         1434         -         1434           AUG81         AUG81         Mather 1, any 3         53         -         1434         -         1433           AUG81         AUG81         Mather 1, any 3         13         1302         1302         1302           AUG81         AUG81         Mather 1, any 3         13         130         1302         1302           AUG81         AUG81         Mather 1, any 3         137         132         -         1302           AUG82         Calax barn, 3-4         147         -         1332         -         1435           AUG82         Mather 1, any 3-4         13         16         -         1302         150           AUG82         Mather 1, any 3-4         13         16         1432         1304         156           AUG82         Mather 1, any 3-4         13         16         1302         150         156           AUG82         Mather 1, any 3-4         13         16         144         150         156	AUK-BI0	Collar, truss I	113	h/s	1555	1667	1667
ALG812         Sadmonnenator by 3         91         -         141          161           ALG813         Sadmonnenator by 3         10         10         123          163           ALG814         Atte foor sam (coch) by 3         10         10         143         100         100           ALG816         Calue trant 1         (coth) by 4         10         10         144         100         100           ALG816         Calue trant 1         (coth) by 4         10         16         143         100         100           ALG816         Calue trant 3         10         16         149         100         100         100           ALG820         Calue trant 3         4         9         16         149         100         100         100           ALG820         Calue trant 3         1         16         149         100         100         100         100           ALG820         Calue trant 3         1         16         149         100         100         100         100         100         100         100         100         100         100         100         100         100         100         100 <td< td=""><td>AUK-BII</td><td>South common rafter 1, bay 3</td><td>136</td><td></td><td>1480</td><td></td><td>1615</td></td<>	AUK-BII	South common rafter 1, bay 3	136		1480		1615
ALK 811         South communities 'Ling' 3         95         1         144         156           ALK 814         Att South asse (cont), bay 3         97         73         1431         1502         1502           ALK 814         Att South asse (cont), bay 3         97         73         1431         1502         1502           ALK 810         Contin to 32         83         -         170         180         1627         1502           ALK 810         Contin to 31         180         180         1627         1627         1627           ALK 100         Cons barn, 34         180         180         1805         1805         1805           ALK 800         Cons barn, 34         180         180         1805         1805         1805           ALK 800         Cons barn, 34         180         120         120         1807         1805         1805           ALK 800         Cons barn, 34         180         120         120         1802         1802         1802           ALK 800         Cons barn, 34         130         120         120         1802         1802         1802         1802           ALK 800         Cons barn, 34         130         120<	AUK-B12	South common rafter 4, bay 3	54		44		1494
AUG814         After foorbeam (security bay 3         9         10          1425          1475           AUG815         Coller, multi 3         83          1470          1552           AUG817         Coller, multi 3         83          1470          1552           AUG817         Coller, multi 3         83          1470	AUK-BI3	South common rafter 3, bay 3	95		1454		1548
AUR-B10         Attree foor beam (next) by 3         95         Yis         1494         1002         1002           AUR-B10         Attree foor beam (next) by 4         188                AUR-B18         Calis hut, 4         188                Roof new the Long Deing Room           199          193          193           AUR-B10         Case ham, 3-4         44          197          193           AUR-B20         Cose ham, 3-4         44          197          193           AUR-B20         Cose ham, 3-4         74         75         1402         1930         1950           AUR-B20         Cose ham, 3-5         71         73         1402         1930         1950           AUR-B20         Cose ham, 3-7         64          1937         149         1951           AUR-B20         Cose ham, 3-7         194         1940         1930         1950         1950           AUR-B20         Cose ham, 3-7         194         194         1930         1950	AUK-B14	Attic floor beam (south), bay 3	51		1425		1475
AUG810         Color puts j with bar 4         133          1700	AUK-B15	Attic floor beam (north), bay 3	69	h/s	1434	1502	1502
ALUG817         Add: Balls	AUK-BI6	Collar, truss 3	83		1470		1552
AuGells         Calar model         Pair	AUK-B17	Attic floor beam (north), bay 4	108				
Root and Long Daning Boom         Nation 1995         1505         1505           AUR-019         Cross beam, 3-3         107         Nick         1395	AUK-B18	Collar, truss 4	141	h/s	1487	1627	1627
AUK 619         Coxe beam, 23         ID7         He         1396         1505         1505           AUR-620         Coxe beam, 24         78         Ns         1-22         1505         1505           AUK-621         Puth, trues 3-4         78         Ns         1-22         1505         1505           AUK-622         Coxe beam, 3-4         99         Nc         1402         1500         1500           AUK-623         Mid crack 4         99         Nc         1402         1500         1500           AUK-624         Coxel beam, 5-4         61         07         1431         1500         1500           AUK-625         Coxel beam, 5-7         64         07         1431         1600         1500           AUK-626         Coxel beam, 5-7         64         07         1397         1487         1494           AUK-630         Coxel beam, 5-7         64         07         1397         1487         1672           AUK-630         Nort-sout-beam (wat)         58          1390          1607           AUK-633         Nort-sout-beam (wat)         58          1467          1502           AUK-633	Roof over the Lor	ng Dining Room	1	1	1	1	1
AUR-200         Cross beam, 3-4         94         -         1376          1469           AUR-212         Chook 2         84         -         1375          1458           AUR-222         Chook 2         84         -         1375          1453           AUR-232         Chook 8         130         122         1387         1494         1516           AUR-202         Chook 8         130         122         1387         1494         1516           AUR-202         Chook 8         7         7  <	AUK-B19	Cross beam, 2-3	107	h/s	1399	1505	1505
ALK 621         Parks, mps 34         78         Mp         1075         1075         1005           AUK6222         Mic chock 4         99         Mp         1402         1500         1500           AUK624         Mic chock 4         99         Mp         1402         1500         1500           AUK624         Lowe purin, 34         63         05         1444         1501         1505           AUK625         Lowe purin, 4-5         71         Mc         1430         1500         1500           AUK626         Cross beam, 3-6         67         -	AUK-B20	Cross beam, 3-4	94		1376		1469
$ \begin{array}{cccc} AUK 872 & Chock 2 & 64 & 1975 & 1407 & 1500 & 1500 \\ AUK 873 & Chock 8 & 130 & 22 & 1377 & 1494 & 1516 \\ AUK 824 & Chock 8 & 130 & 22 & 1377 & 1494 & 1516 \\ AUK 825 & Upper purh -45 & 61 & 05 & 1444 & 1500 & 1500 \\ AUK 826 & Upper purh -45 & 71 & 145 & 1430 & 1500 & 1500 \\ AUK 826 & Upper purh -45 & 74 & 47 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ AUK 820 & Upper purh -57 & 64 & 07 & 1431 & 1497 & 1494 \\ AUK 820 & Upper purh -57 & 64 & 07 & 1431 & 1497 & 1494 \\ AUK 820 & Upper purh -57 & 64 & 07 & 1431 & 1497 & 1494 \\ Cacces from Long Oring form root) & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ AUK 830 & Eab weet plate & 78 & -1 & 1300 & -1 & 1503 \\ Cacces from Long Oring form root & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ AUK 830 & Eab weet plate & NM & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ Throw 8 Coort Univ Corr (reing & -1 & 1446 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ AUK 830 & Eab weet plate & NM & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ AUK 830 & N & Sheam (text) & NM & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ Throw 8 Coort Univ Corr (reing & -1 & 1445 & 1638 & 1638 & 1638 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ AUK 835 & N & Sheam (text) & NM & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ Throw 8 Coort Universof (reing & -1 & 144 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ AUK 837 & N & Sheam (text) & 118 & NS & 1495 & 1638 & 1639 & 1639 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ AUK 837 & N & Sheam (text) & 118 & NS & 1494 & 1633 & 1633 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ AUK 843 & N & Sheam (text) & 155 & NS & 1494 & 1633 & 1633 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & $	AUK-B21	Purlin, truss 3-4	78	h/s	1428	1505	1505
AUK 821         Mid chock 4         99         No         Ind2         ISO         ISO           AUK 824         Chock 8         130         05         1444         150         1556           AUK 825         Lower purit, 3 4         6.3         05         1444         1500         1550           AUK 827         Cross barn, 5.6         6.7         -	AUK-B22	Chock 2	84		1375		1458
AUK 024         Citox & a         130         22         137         1494         1516           AUK 025         Lippe print, A-5         71         h/s         1400         1500         1500           AUK 025         Crose baar, 5-5         67 <td>AUK-B23</td> <td>Mid chock 4</td> <td>99</td> <td>h/s</td> <td>1402</td> <td>1500</td> <td>1500</td>	AUK-B23	Mid chock 4	99	h/s	1402	1500	1500
AULCB2S         Lower purin 3-4         G3         0.5         1444         1500         1506           AULCB26         Lower purin 4-5         71         h/s         1430         1500         1500           AULCB26         Crose beam, 8-9         124         36C         1397         1484         1500           AULCB20         Crose beam, 8-9         124         36C         1397         1484         1507           Remarks for Crose beam, 8-9         124         36C         1397         1484         1507           Remarks for Crose beam, 8-9         124         36C         1397         1484         167           Guessed from Transe Ream root         -         -         -         -         -         -           AULCB31         Lastwest beam root         NM         -         <	AUK-B24	Chock 8	130	22	1387	1494	1516
AULeB2b         Upper purity, 4-5         71         Ms         1430         1500         1500           AUK R97         Cross beam, 6-7         64         0.7         1431         1487         1494           AUK R92         Cross beam, 6-7         64         0.7         1431         1487         1494           Remarks of noor         Cross beam, 6-7         7         64         0.7         1431         1487         1494           Cacessed from Long Dining Boom nool         Cacessed from Thoree Room rool	AUK-B25	Lower purlin, 3-4	63	05	1444	1501	1506
AUK.827         Cross beam, 5-9         124         3-C         1371         1484         1520           Bermands Ortof	AUK-B26	Upper purlin, 4-5	71	h/s	1430	1500	1500
AUK.628         Upper put in, 6-7         64         0.7         431         1487         1497           Remarks of noor         Crass beam, 8-9         124         36C         1397         1487         1520           Remarks of noor         Crass beam, 8-9         124         36C         1397         1487         1520           Carcesed from thore Room root)         Carcesed from Thore Room root)           1647           Carcesed from frome Room root)         NIM               AUK.833         North-south beam (wat)         NM               AUK.833         North-south beam (wat)         NM               AUK.833         North-south beam (wat)         120         123         1638         1636           AUK.835         North-south beam         134         N6         1496         1613         1633           AUK.838         North-south beam         118         12         1533         1638         1639           AUK.839         Park South price         117         164         1537         1649         1633           A	AUK-B27	Cross beam, 5-6	67				
ALK-89 AuxCross beam, 8-9 termarets of root1/2436C139714841520Generated from Larg Dring Room root)	AUK-B28	Upper purlin, 6-7	64	07	1431	1487	1494
International of the set of the	AUK-B29	Cross beam. 8-9	124	36C	1397	1484	1520
bcccsed from Long Doing Room roof)         1390          1467           cccsed from Throne Room roof)         NMH           1503           AUR-332         North-south beam (reat)         NM              AUR-332         North-south beam (reat)         NM               AUR-332         North-south beam (reat)         NM               AUR-332         North-south beam (reat)         140         NS               AUR-334         Est west beam         134         NS         1496         1623         1624         1628 <td>Remnants of roof</td> <td></td> <td>ļ</td> <td></td> <td>ļ - · ·</td> <td></td> <td></td>	Remnants of roof		ļ		ļ - · ·		
AUK-80         East-weighter         78          1390          1467           AUK-811         North-south beam (sett)         NM   <	(accessed from Lo	ong Dining Room roof)					
Increase from Throne Room root)         Image: Second	AUK-B30	East-west plate	78		1390		1467
AUK 813         North-south heam (sext)         NM               AUK 823         East wet plate plate         NM               AUK 823         East wet plate plate         NM               AUK 823         Nath seath heam (sext)         124         Nrs         1495         1634         1636           AUK 823         Nath seath theam (sext)         124         Nrs         1496         1529         1633         1633           AUK 823         Nath seath (from east)         124         Nrs         1496         1529         153         1633         1633           AUK 837         Nath seath (from east)         144         Nrs         1429         157         157           AUK 840         Joist J (west)         182         15         1475         1641         1656           AUK 841         Joist J (sext)         182         15         1475         1641         1653           AUK 842         Joist J (sext)         164         02         14775         1642         1633         1633           AUK 844         Joist J (sext)         166	(accessed from Th	nrone Room roof)	1	1	1	1	1
AUK B32         North south beam (sett)         NM               AUK B33         Est west plate plate         NM               AUK B34         Est west plate plate         134         M/s         1435         1634         1636           AUK B35         NS beam 1 (from east)         120         0.2         1435         1633         1633           AUK B36         NS beam 2 (from east)         134         M/s         1496         1623         1633           AUK B38         NS beam 2 (from east)         134         M/s         1479         1572         1572           AUK B40         Joint 5 (west)         155         M/s         1444         1638         1638           AUK B41         Joint 5 (west)         155         M/s         14494         1638         1638           AUK B41         Joint 5 (west)         164         177         04         1537         1649         1653           AUK B41         Joint 5 (east)         126          1475          1600           AUK B42         Joint principal rafter, truss 6         100         N/s         1620	AUK-B31	North-south beam (west)	58		1446		1503
AUK-833         East-west plate plate         NM         -               AUK 834         East-west beam         134         h/s         1495         1638         1628           AUK 835         N S beam 1 (from east)         202         02         1435         1634         1636           AUK 836         N S beam 4 (from east)         140         N/s         1494         1633         1633           AUK 837         N S beam 4 (from east)         140         N/s         1494         1633         1638           Castle Lodge, cellar         cellar         cellar         1638         1639         1638           AUK 839         Mar beam         144         N/s         1429         1572         1572           AUK 840         Joist 5 (east)         117         04         1537         1641         1655           AUK 841         Joist 5 (east)         116         -         1475          1622           AUK 845         South principal rafter, truss 6         100         N/s         1599         1698         1698           AUK 845         North principal rafter, truss 7         90          1544	AUK-B32	North-south beam (east)	NM				
Throne Room Undercorb, reling         134         h/s         1495         1628         1628           AUR.835         N-S beam 1 (from east)         202         00         1435         1634         1636           AUR.836         N-S beam 2 (from east)         134         h/s         1496         1629         1633           AUR.836         N-S beam 2 (from east)         140         h/s         1494         1633         1633           AUR.838         N-S beam 2 (north of E-W beam)         118         12         1533         1638         1633           AUR.830         Main beam         144         h/s         1494         1633         1633           AUR.840         Joist 3 (west)         155         h/s         1494         1633         1633           AUR.841         Joist 5 (west)         117         04         1537         1641         1656           AUR.842         Joist 5 (east)         126         -         1475         I649         1622           Scatand Wing roof         AUR.844         North principal rafter, truss 6         96         h/s         1600         1695         1695           AUR.842         North principal rafter, truss 6         96         h/s         <	AUK-B33	East-west plate plate	NM				
AUR 834         Est west beam         124         h/s         1495         1628         1628           AUR 835         N-5 beam 1 (from east)         134         h/s         1494         1633         1634           AUR 836         N-5 beam 4 (from east)         134         h/s         1494         1633         1633           AUR 838         N-5 beam 2 (from east)         140         h/s         1494         1633         1633           AUR 838         N-5 beam 4 (from east)         144         h/s         1429         1572         1572           AUR-849         Joint 1 (swest)         155         h/s         1444         1638         1638           AUR-841         Joint 6 (west)         117         0.4         1537         1649         1663           AUR-841         Joint 6 (west)         116         0.2         1475         1641         1656           AUR-843         Joint 6 (west)         116         0.2         1479         1622         1624           AUR-844         Joint 6 (west)         116         0.2         1479         1622         1624           AUR-845         South principal rafter, truss 6         100         h/s         1599         1689	Throne Room Un	dercroft ceiling	1	1	1	1	1
AUK 835         N S beam 1 (from east)         202         02         1435         1634         1636           AUK 835         N S beam 2 (from east)         140         h/s         1494         1633         1633           AUK 836         N S beam 2 (north of E-W beam)         118         12         133         1638         1630           AUK 837         N S beam 2 (north of E-W beam)         118         12         133         1638         1630           AUK 837         M S beam 2 (north of E-W beam)         118         12         133         1638         1633           AUK 840         Jost 5 (west)         155         N/s         1449         1632         1638           AUK 841         Jost 5 (west)         182         15         1475         1641         1656           AUK 843         Jost 5 (east)         126         -         1475         -         1600           AUK 846         North princpal rafter, truss 6         100         N/s         1509         1698         1698           AUK 846         North princpal rafter, truss 7         90         -         1544             AUK 846         North princpal rafter, truss 1         102         N/s	AUK-B34	East-west beam	134	h/s	1495	1628	1628
AUR.836         N-S beam 2 (from east)         134         h/s         1494         1629         1629           AUR.833         N-S beam 4 (from east)         118         12         1533         1633         1633           Castle Lodge, cellar cellar         rein         rein         rein         rein         rein         1650           AUR.837         Main beam         144         h/s         1429         1572         1572           AUR.840         Joist 1 (vest)         152         1475         1641         1656           AUR.841         Joist 5 (exst)         126          1475          1600           AUR.841         Joist 5 (esst)         126          1475          1622           Scattand Wing roof         146         02         1479         1622         1624           AUR.845         South principal rafter, trus 6         100         h/s         1599         1698         1698           AUR.846         North principal rafter, trus 6         96         h/s               AUR.847         North principal rafter, trus 7         90          1544          1649 <td>AUK-B35</td> <td>N-S beam I (from east)</td> <td>202</td> <td>02</td> <td>1435</td> <td>1634</td> <td>1636</td>	AUK-B35	N-S beam I (from east)	202	02	1435	1634	1636
AUK.837         N.S beam 4 (from each)         140         h/s         1494         1633         1633           AUK.837         N.S beam 2 (north of E-W beam)         118         12         1533         1638         1650           Castle Lodge, cellar celling	AUK-B36	N-S beam 2 (from east)	134	h/s	1496	1629	1629
AUK 838         N.S beam 2 (north of E.W beam)         118         12         1533         1638         1650           Castle Lodge, cellar celling         Main beam         144         h/s         1429         1572         1572           AUK 840         joit 1 (vest)         155         h/s         1484         1638         1638           AUK 841         joit 6 (vest)         182         15         1475         1641         1656           AUK 843         joit 6 (vest)         117         04         1537         1649         1653           AUK 844         joit 6 (vest)         126         -         1475         -         1600           AUK 845         South principal rafter, truss 6         96         h/s         1599         1698         1698           AUK 846         North principal rafter, truss 6         96         h/s              AUK 847         North principal rafter, truss 7         90          1544             AUK 848         Collar, trus 10         NM               AUK 847         North principal rafter, trus 3         164 <td< td=""><td>AUK-B37</td><td>N-S beam 4 (from east)</td><td>140</td><td>h/s</td><td>1494</td><td>1633</td><td>1633</td></td<>	AUK-B37	N-S beam 4 (from east)	140	h/s	1494	1633	1633
Castle Lodge, cellar celling       144       h/s       1429       1572       1572         AUK-B39       Main beam       144       h/s       1429       1572       1572         AUK-B40       joist 3 (west)       155       h/s       1444       1638       1638         AUK-B41       joist 6 (west)       117       04       1537       1649       1653         AUK-B43       joist 5 (east)       126       -       1475        1600         AUK-B44       joist 6 (east)       126       -       1475        1624         South principal rafter, truss 6       90       h/s       1609       1695       1695         AUK-B46       North principal rafter, truss 7       90        1544           AUK-B46       North principal rafter, truss 1       102       h/s       1588       1689       1689         AUK-B47       North principal rafter, truss 1       102       h/s       1588       1689       1689         AUK-B48       Collar, truss 1       102       h/s       1588       1689       1689         AUK-B45       South principal rafter, truss 3       164        1544	AUK-B38	N-S beam 2 (north of E-W beam)	118	12	1533	1638	1650
AUK.839         Main beam         I44         ly/s         I479         I572         I572           AUK.840         Joist 3 (west)         I55         h/s         I484         I638         I638           AUK.841         Joist 6 (west)         I17         O4         I537         I649         I653           AUK.842         Joist 6 (east)         I26         -         I475         I649         I620           AUK.844         Joist 6 (east)         I26         -         I475         I622         I624           South principal rafter, truss 6         96         h/s         I600         I675         I698           AUK.845         North principal rafter, truss 7         90         -         I544          I633           AUK.846         North principal rafter, trus 7         90          I544          I633           AUK.845         Collar, truss 10         NM            I649           AUK.845         Collar, truss 10         NM           I611           AUK.845         Collar, truss 10         NM          I649         I612           AUK.845         South princip	Castle Lodge, cella	ar ceiling	•	•		•	•
AUK.840         Joist 3 (west)         155         h/s         1484         1638         1638           AUK.841         Joist 6 (west)         182         15         1475         1641         1656           AUK.843         Joist 5 (west)         126         -         1475          1600           AUK.844         Joist 6 (east)         126         -         1475          1622           Scottand Wing root         -         1475          1622         1624           Scottand Wing root         -         -         1544          1633           AUK.845         North principal rafter, truss 6         96         h/s         1600         1695         1695           AUK.846         North principal rafter, truss 7         90          1544          1633           AUK.847         North principal rafter, truss 1         102         h/s         1588         1689         1689           AUK.845         Collar, truss 1         102         h/s         1588         1689         1612           AUK.845         Collar, truss 1         102         h/s         1588         1689         1693           AUK.8	AUK-B39	Main beam	144	h/s	1429	1572	1572
AUK-B41       joits I (west)       182       15       1475       1641       1656         AUK-B42       joits 5 (east)       117       04       1537       1649       1653         AUK-B43       joits 5 (east)       126        1475        1600         AUK-B44       joits 6 (east)       126       02       1479       1522       1624         Scottand Wing roof	AUK-B40	Joist 3 (west)	155	h/s	1484	1638	1638
AUK.842         joist 6 (west)         117         04         1537         1649         1653           AUK.843         joist 5 (east)         126          1475          1600           AUK.844         joist 6 (east)         126         02         1479         1622         1624           Scottand Wing roof           1479         1698         1698           AUK.846         North principal rafter, truss 6         96         h/s         1600         1695         1695           AUK.846         North principal rafter, truss 7         90          1544          1633           AUK.847         North principal rafter, truss 1         102         h/s         1588         1689         1689           AUK.847         North principal rafter, truss 1         102         h/s         1588         1649             AUK.850         Collar, trus 1         NM         -              1612           AUK.853         Collar, trus 5         80         01         1570          1533          1612           AUK.854         South prin	AUK-B41	Joist I (west)	182	15	1475	1641	1656
AUK-B43       joist 5 (east)       126        1475        1600         AUK-B44       joist 6 (east)       146       02       1479       1622       1624         Scotland Wing roof        1479       1620       1698       1698         AUK-B45       South principal rafter, truss 6       96       h/s       1600       1695       1633         AUK-B47       North principal rafter, truss 7       90        1544        1633         AUK-B48       Collar, truss 11       86       h/s             AUK-B49       North principal rafter, truss 1       100       NM              AUK-B49       North principal rafter, truss 3       164        1478        1689         AUK-B51       Collar, truss 5       80       01       1577       1655       1656         AUK-B53       Collar, truss 8       151        1439        1543         AUK-B55       North principal rafter, truss 8       151        1549        1653         AUK-B56       Collar, truss 8 <td>AUK-B42</td> <td>Joist 6 (west)</td> <td>117</td> <td>04</td> <td>1537</td> <td>1649</td> <td>1653</td>	AUK-B42	Joist 6 (west)	117	04	1537	1649	1653
AUK.844       joist 6 (east)       146       02       1479       1622       1624         Scotland Wing roof       AUK.845       South principal rafter, truss 6       96       h/s       1599       1698       1698         AUK.846       North principal rafter, truss 6       96       h/s       1600       1695       1693         AUK.847       North principal rafter, truss 7       90        1544        1633         AUK.848       Collar, truss 11       86       h/s             AUK.849       North principal rafter, truss 11       102       h/s       1588       1689       1689         AUK.850       Collar, truss 10       NM              AUK.851       Collar, truss 5       80       01       1577       1655       1656         AUK.853       South principal rafter, truss 7       81        1543        1523         AUK.855       North principal rafter, truss 8       151        1549        1653         AUK.856       Collar, truss 8       105       -       1549       1693       1693 <tr< td=""><td>AUK-B43</td><td>Joist 5 (east)</td><td>126</td><td></td><td>1475</td><td></td><td>1600</td></tr<>	AUK-B43	Joist 5 (east)	126		1475		1600
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AUK.B45         South principal rafter, truss 6         100         N/s         1599         1698         1698           AUK.B46         North principal rafter, truss 6         96         h/s         1600         1695         1695           AUK.B47         North principal rafter, truss 7         90          1544          1633           AUK.B48         Collar, truss 11         86         h/s              AUK.B47         North principal rafter, truss 11         102         h/s         1588         1689         1689           AUK.B45         Collar, truss 12         113                AUK.B50         Collar, truss 2         113          1500          1612           AUK.B51         Collar, truss 5         80         01         1577         1655         1656           AUK.B54         South principal rafter, truss 8         151          1439          1633           AUK.B55         Collar, truss 3         105          1549          1549           AUK.B56         South principal rafter, truss 8         105	Scotland Wing ro	of					
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AUK.848       Collar, truss I I       86       h/s            AUK.849       North principal rafter, truss I I       102       h/s       1588       1689       1689         AUK.850       Collar, truss 10       NM             AUK.851       Collar, truss 2       113        1500        1612         AUK.852       North principal rafter, truss 3       164        1448        1655         AUK.853       Collar, truss 5       80       01       1577       1655       1656         AUK.854       South principal rafter, truss 7       81        1543        1523         AUK.855       North principal rafter, truss 8       151        1549        1563         AUK.856       Collar, truss 8       105        1549        1653         AUK.857       South principal rafter, truss 1       70       h/s       1624       1693       1693         Chapet                AUK.858       South common rafter 2, bay 2       65	AUK-B47	North principal rafter, truss 7	90		1544		1633
AUK-849         North principal rafter, truss I I         IO2         h/s         I588         I689         I689           AUK-850         Collar, truss I O         NM                AUK-851         Collar, truss 2         II3          IS00          I612           AUK-852         North principal rafter, truss 3         I64          I448          I611           AUK-853         Collar, truss 5         80         01         I577         I655         I656           AUK-854         South principal rafter, truss 8         I51          I543          I589           AUK-855         North principal rafter, truss 8         I51          I549          I653           AUK-856         Collar, truss 8         I05          I549          I653           AUK-857         South principal rafter, truss I         70         h/s         I624         I693         I693           Chapel           I549                AUK-857         Ridge beam, truss 3<	AUK-B48	Collar, truss	86	h/s			
AUK-850         Collar, truss 10         NM                AUK-851         Collar, truss 2         113          1500          1612           AUK-852         North principal rafter, truss 3         164          1543          1615           AUK-853         Collar, truss 5         80         01         1577         1655         1656           AUK-854         South principal rafter, truss 7         81          1543          1633           AUK-855         Collar, truss 8         151          1439          1653           AUK-856         Collar, truss 8         105          1549          1653           AUK-857         South principal rafter, truss 11         70         h/s         1624         1693         1693           Chapel	AUK-B49	North principal rafter, truss 11	102	h/s	1588	1689	1689
AUK-851       Collar, truss 2       113        1500        1612         AUK-852       North principal rafter, truss 3       164        1448        1611         AUK-853       Collar, truss 5       80       01       1577       1655       1656         AUK-854       South principal rafter, truss 7       81        1543        1623         AUK-855       North principal rafter, truss 8       151        1549        1653         AUK-857       South principal rafter, truss 11       70       h/s       1624       1693       1693         Chapel        South common rafter 2, bay 2       65       h/s              South common rafter 2, bay 2       65       h/s	AUK-B50	Collar, truss 10	NM				
AUK-852       North principal rafter, truss 3       164        1448        1611         AUK-853       Collar, truss 5       80       01       1577       1655       1656         AUK-854       South principal rafter, truss 7       81        1543        1623         AUK-855       North principal rafter, truss 8       151        1439        1589         AUK-856       Collar, truss 8       105        1549        1653         AUK-857       South principal rafter, truss 11       70       h/s       1624       1693       1693         Chapel	AUK-B51	Collar, truss 2	113		1500		1612
AUK-B53         Collar, truss 5         80         01         1577         1655         1656           AUK-B54         South principal rafter, truss 7         81          1543          1623           AUK-B55         North principal rafter, truss 8         151          1439          1589           AUK-B56         Collar, truss 8         105          1549          1653           AUK-B57         South principal rafter, truss 11         70         h/s         1624         1693         1693           Chapel         South common rafter 2, bay 2         65         h/s   <	AUK-B52	North principal rafter, truss 3	164		1448		1611
AUK-B54       South pnncipal rafter, truss /       81        1543        1623         AUK-B55       North principal rafter, truss 8       151        1439        1589         AUK-B56       Collar, truss 8       105        1549        1653         AUK-B57       South principal rafter, truss 11       70       h/s       1624       1693       1693         Chapel        South principal rafter, truss 11       70       h/s       1624       1693       1693         South aisle	AUK-B53	Collar, truss 5	80	01	15/7	1655	1656
AUK-BS5       North principal ratter, truss 8       151        1439        1589         AUK-B56       Collar, truss 8       105        1549        1653         AUK-B57       South principal rafter, truss 11       70       h/s       1624       1693       1693         Chapel       South aisle                             1653         AUK-B57       South principal rafter, truss 11       70       h/s       1624       1693       1693       1693         AUK-B58       South common rafter 2, bay 2       65       h/s	AUK-B54	South principal rafter, truss 7	81		1543		1623
AUK-B56       Collar, truss 8       105        1549        1653         AUK-B57       South principal rafter, truss II       70       h/s       1624       1693       1693         Chapel       South aisle               AUK-B58       South common rafter 2, bay 2       65       h/s             AUK-B59       Tiebeam, truss 3       57       01             AUK-B60       Ridge beam, bay 3       58              AUK-B61       Tiebeam, truss 4       58              AUK-B62       Tiebeam, truss 6       57       05             AUK-B63       South common rafter 4, bay 5       65       03             North aisle                AUK-B64       North common rafter 4, bay 2       68       h/s	AUK-B55	North principal rafter, truss 8	151		1439		1589
AUK-B57       South principal rafter, truss 11       /0       h/s       1624       1693       1693         Chapel       South aisle	AUK-B56	Collar, truss 8	105		1549		1653
Chapel         South aisle         AUK-B58       South common rafter 2, bay 2       65       h/s            AUK-B59       Tiebeam, truss 3       57       01            AUK-B60       Ridge beam, bay 3       58             AUK-B61       Tiebeam, truss 4       58             AUK-B62       Tiebeam, truss 6       57       05            AUK-B63       South common rafter 4, bay 5       65       03            AUK-B64       North common rafter 4, bay 2       68       h/s            AUK-B65       Tiebeam, truss 5       61       h/s            AUK-B66       North common rafter 2, bay 8       57       04            AUK-B67       Tiebeam, truss 9       59       h/s	AUK-B57	South principal rafter, truss 11	/0	h/s	1624	1693	1693
South alsie         AUK-B58         South common rafter 2, bay 2         65         h/s               AUK-B59         Tiebeam, truss 3         57         01               AUK-B60         Ridge beam, bay 3         58                AUK-B61         Tiebeam, truss 4         58                AUK-B62         Tiebeam, truss 6         57         05               AUK-B63         South common rafter 4, bay 5         65         03               AUK-B64         North common rafter 4, bay 2         68         h/s                     North site                        <	Chapel						
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AUK-B59       Hebeam, truss 3       57       01             AUK-B60       Ridge beam, bay 3       58              AUK-B61       Tiebeam, truss 4       58              AUK-B62       Tiebeam, truss 6       57       05            AUK-B63       South common rafter 4, bay 5       65       03            AUK-B64       North common rafter 4, bay 2       68       h/s            AUK-B65       Tiebeam, truss 5       61       h/s            AUK-B66       North common rafter 2, bay 8       57       04            AUK-B67       Tiebeam, truss 9       59       h/s	AUK-B58	South common rafter 2, bay 2	65	n/s			
AUK-B6U       Ridge beam, bay 3       58  <	AUK-B59	Liebeam, truss 3	5/	01			
AUK-B61       Hebeam, truss 4       58              AUK-B62       Tiebeam, truss 6       57       05             AUK-B63       South common rafter 4, bay 5       65       03            AUK-B64       North common rafter 4, bay 2       68       h/s            AUK-B65       Tiebeam, truss 5       61       h/s            AUK-B66       North common rafter 2, bay 8       57       04            AUK-B67       Tiebeam, truss 9       59       h/s	AUK-B60	Ridge beam, bay 3	58				
AUK-B62       Hebeam, truss 6       57       05            AUK-B63       South common rafter 4, bay 5       65       03            North aisle               AUK-B64       North common rafter 4, bay 2       68       h/s            AUK-B65       Tiebeam, truss 5       61       h/s            AUK-B66       North common rafter 2, bay 8       57       04            AUK-B67       Tiebeam, truss 9       59       h/s	AUK-B61	Liebeam, truss 4	58				
AUK-B63       South common ratter 4, bay 5       65       03            North aisle                AUK-B64       North common rafter 4, bay 2       68       h/s            AUK-B65       Tiebeam, truss 5       61       h/s            AUK-B66       North common rafter 2, bay 8       57       04            AUK-B67       Tiebeam, truss 9       59       h/s	AUK-B62	Liebeam, truss 6	5/	05			
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\*NM = not measured

\*\*h/s = the heartwood/sapwood boundary is the last ring on the sample

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Reference chronology	t-value	Span of chronology	Reference
Witton Hall Farm, Witton Gilbert, County Durham	8.6	AD 1342-1441	Howard et al 1996
Hunwick Hall Farm, Hunwick, County Durham	8.0	AD 1402–1497	Arnold et al 2004a
Headlands Hall, Liversedge, West Yorkshire	7.9	AD   388–1487	Tyers 2001
Low Harperley Farmhouse, Wolsingham, County Durham	7.7	AD 1356–1604	Arnold et al 2006a
35 The Close, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear	7.4	AD 1365–1513	Howard et al 1991
Thatched Cottage, Hill Wootton, Warwicks	7.3	AD 1392-1469	Alcock et al 1989
Easington, County Durham	7.1	AD 1375–1489	Arnold et al 2008

Table 2: Results of the cross-matching of site sequence AUKBSQ01 and relevant reference chronologies when the first ring date is AD 1370 and the last-ring date is AD 1520

# Table 3: Results of the cross-matching of site sequence AUKBSQ02 and relevant reference chronologies when the first-ring date is AD 1425 and the last-measured ring date is AD 1698

Reference chronology	t-value	Span of chronology	Reference
Low Harperley Farmhouse, Wolsingham, County Durham	15.0	AD 1356-1604	Arnold et al 2006a
Dilston Castle, Corbridge, Northumberland	4.	AD 1402-1611	Arnold et al 2003
Hallgarth Pittington, County Durham	3.3	AD 1336–1624	Howard et al 2002
Durham Cathedral (refectory roof), County Durham	12.5	AD  43 -1683	Arnold et al 2007
Moot Hall, Hexham, Northumberland	.7	AD  34 -1539	Amold et al 2004b
Midridge Grange, Heighington, Durham	11.4	AD 1427–1516	Arnold et al 2006b
Bull Hole Byre, Bearpark, Durham	.2	AD 1452–1620	Arnold et al 2002

## FIGURES



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Figure 4: Plan of Auckland Castle, with those areas under investigation outlined in blue (Smithsgore Architects)



Figure 5: Roof over Long Dining Room, looking west (Alison Arnold)



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Figure 15: Chapel; north aisle, looking east (Alison Arnold)



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Figure 26: Photograph taken from the roof above the Long Dining Room, showing the location of sample AUK-B30



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Figure 28: Sketch plan of the Throne Room Undercroft ceiling, showing the location of samples AUK-B34–8



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Figure 30: Plan of the Scotland Wing, showing location of trusses (Peter Ryder)


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Figure 40: Infill roof, photograph taken by putting camera through entry hatch (Alison Arnold)





Figure 41: Bar diagram of samples in site sequence AUKBSQ01



Figure 42: Bar diagram of samples in site sequence AUKBSQ02

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Figure 43: Bar diagram of all dated samples, sorted by area

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### DATA OF MEASURED SAMPLES

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## APPENDIX: TREE-RING DATING

## The Principles of Tree-Ring Dating

Tree-ring dating, or dendrochronology as it is known, is discussed in some detail in the Laboratory's Monograph, An East Midlands Master Tree-Ring Chronology and its uses for dating Vernacular Building (Laxton and Litton 1988) and Dendrochronology: Guidelines on Producing and Interpreting Dendrochronological Dates (English Heritage 1998). Here we will give the bare outlines. Each year an oak tree grows an extra ring on the outside of its trunk and all its branches just inside its bark. The width of this annual ring depends largely on the weather during the growing season, about April to October, and possibly also on the weather during the previous year. Good growing seasons give rise to relatively wide rings, poor ones to very narrow rings and average ones to relatively average ring widths. Since the climate is so variable from year to year, almost random-like, the widths of these rings will also appear random-like in sequence, reflecting the seasons. This is illustrated in Figure A1 where, for example, the widest rings appear at irregular intervals. This is the key to dating by tree rings, or rather, by their widths. Records of the average ring widths for oaks, one for each year for the last 1000 years or more, are available for different areas. These are called master chronologies. Because of the random-like nature of these sequences of widths, there is usually only one position at which a sequence of ring widths from a sample of oak timber with at least 70 rings will match a master. This will date the timber and, in particular, the last ring..

If the bark is still on the sample, as in Figure A1, then the date of the last ring will be the date of felling of the oak from which it was cut. There is much evidence that in medieval times oaks cut down for building purposes were used almost immediately, usually within the year or so (Rackham 1976). Hence if bark is present on several main timbers in a building, none of which appear reused or are later insertions, and if they all have the same date for their last ring, then we can be quite confident that this is the date of construction or soon after. If there is no bark on the sample, then we have to make an estimate of the felling date; how this is done is explained below.

# The Practice of Tree-Ring Dating at the Nottingham Tree-Ring Dating Laboratory

1. Inspecting the Building and Sampling the Timbers. Together with a building historian the timbers in a building are inspected to try to ensure that those sampled are not reused or later insertions. Sampling is almost always done by coring into the timber, which has the great advantage that we can sample in situ timbers and those judged best to give the date of construction, or phase of construction if there is more than one in the building. The timbers to be sampled are also inspected to see how many rings they have. We normally look for timbers with at least 70 rings, and preferably more. With fewer rings than this, 50 for example, sequences of widths become difficult to match to a unique

position within a master sequence of ring widths and so are difficult to date (Litton and Zainodin 1991). The cross-section of the rafter shown in Figure A2 has about 120 rings; about 20 of which are sapwood rings – the lighter rings on the outside. Similarly the core has just over 100 rings with a few sapwood rings.

To ensure that we are getting the date of the building as a whole, or the whole of a phase of construction if there is more than one, about 8–10 samples per phase are usually taken. Sometimes we take many more, especially if the construction is complicated. One reason for taking so many samples is that, in general, some will fail to give a date. There may be many reasons why a particular sequence of ring widths from a sample of timber fails to give a date even though others from the same building do. For example, a particular tree may have grown in an odd ecological niche, so odd indeed that the widths of its rings were determined by factors other than the local climate! In such circumstances it will be impossible to date a timber from this tree using the master sequence whose widths, we can assume, were predominantly determined by the local climate at the time.

Sampling is done by coring into the timber with a hollow corer attached to an electric drill and usually from its outer rings inwards towards where the centre of the tree, the pith, is judged to be. An illustration of a core is shown in Figure A2; it is about 150mm long and 10mm diameter. Great care has to be taken to ensure that as few as possible of the outer rings are lost in coring. This can be difficult as these outer rings are often very soft (see below on sapwood). Each sample is given a code which identifies uniquely which timber it comes from, which building it is from and where the building is located. For example, CRO-A06 is the sixth core taken from the first building (A) sampled by the Laboratory in Cropwell Bishop. Where it came from in that building will be shown in the sampling records and drawings. No structural damage is done to any timbers by coring, nor does it weaken them.

During the initial inspection of the building and its timbers the dendrochronologist may come to the conclusion that, as far as can be judged, none of the timbers have sufficient rings in them for dating purposes and may advise against sampling to save further unwarranted expense.

All sampling by the Laboratory is undertaken according to current Health and Safety Standards. The Laboratory's dendrochronologists are insured.





Figure A2: Cross-section of a rafter, showing sapwood rings in the left-hand corner, the arrow points to the heartwood/sapwood boundary (H/S); and a core with sapwood; again the arrow is pointing to the H/S. The core is about the size of a pencil



Figure A3: Measuring ring widths under a microscope. The microscope is fixed while the sample is on a moving platform. The total sequence of widths is measured twice to ensure that an error has not been made. This type of apparatus is needed to process a large number of samples on a regular basis



Figure A4: Three cores from timbers in a building. They come from trees growing at the same time. Notice that, although the sequences of widths look similar, they are not identical. This is typical 2. Measuring Ring Widths. Each core is sanded down with a belt sander using medium-grit paper and then finished by hand with flourgrade-grit paper. The rings are then clearly visible and differentiated from each other with a result very much like that shown in Figure A2. The core is then mounted on a movable table below a microscope and the ring-widths measured individually from the innermost ring to the outermost. The widths are automatically recorded in a computer file as they are measured (see Fig A3).

3. Cross-Matching and Dating the Samples. Because of the factors besides the local climate which may determine the annual widths of a tree's rings, no two sequences of ring widths from different oaks growing at the same time are exactly alike (Fig A4). Indeed, the sequences may not be exactly alike even when the trees are growing near to each other. Consequently, in the Laboratory we do not attempt to match two sequences of ring widths by eye, or graphically, or by any other subjective method. Instead, it is done objectively (ie statistically) on a computer by a process called cross-matching. The output from the computer tells us the extent of correlation between two sample sequences of widths or, if we are dating, between a sample sequence of widths and the master, at each relative position of one to the other (offsets). The extent of the correlation at an offset is determined by the t-value (defined in almost any introductory book on statistics). That offset with the maximum t-value among the t-values at all the offsets will be the best candidate for dating one sequence relative to the other. If one of these is a master chronology, then this will date the other. Experiments carried out in the past with sequences from oaks of known date suggest that a t-value of at least 4.5, and preferably at least 5.0, is usually adequate for the dating to be accepted with reasonable confidence (Laxton and Litton 1988; Laxton et al 1988; Howard et al 1984–1995).

This is illustrated in Figure A5 with timbers from one of the roofs of Lincoln Cathedral. Here four sequences of ring widths, LIN-CO4, 05, 08, and 45, have been cross-matched with each other. The ring widths themselves have been omitted in the bar diagram, as is usual, but the offsets at which they best cross-match each other are shown; eg the sequence of ring widths of CO8 matches the sequence of ring widths of C45 best when it is at a position starting 20 rings after the first ring of C45, and similarly for the others. The actual t-values between the four at these offsets of best correlations are in the matrix. Thus at the offset of +20 rings, the *t*-value between C45 and C08 is 5.6 and is the maximum found between these two among all the positions of one sequence relative to the other.

It is standard practice in our Laboratory first to cross-match as many as possible of the ring-width sequences of the samples in a building and then to form an average from them. This average is called a site sequence of the building being dated and is illustrated in Figure A5. The fifth bar at the bottom is a site sequence for a roof at Lincoln Cathedral and is constructed from the matching sequences of the four timbers. The site sequence width for each year is the average of the widths in each of the sample sequences which has a width for that year. Thus in Fig A5 if the widths shown are 0.8mm for C45, 0.2mm for C08, 0.7mm for C05, and 0.3mm for C04, then the corresponding width of the site

sequence is the average of these, 0.55mm. The actual sequence of widths of this site sequence is stored on the computer. The reason for creating site sequences is that it is usually easier to date an average sequence of ring widths with a master sequence than it is to date the individual component sample sequences separately.

The straightforward method of cross-matching several sample sequences with each other one at a time is called the 'maximal *t*-value' method. The actual method of cross-matching a group of sequences of ring-widths used in the Laboratory involves grouping and averaging the ring-width sequences and is called the 'Litton-Zainodin Grouping Procedure'. It is a modification of the straightforward method and was successfully developed and tested in the Laboratory and has been published (Litton and Zainodin 1991; Laxton *et al* 1988).

4. Estimating the Felling Date. As mentioned above, if the bark is present on a sample, then the date of its last ring is the date of the felling of its tree (or the last full year before felling, if it was felled in the first three months of the following calendar year, before any new growth had started, but this is not too important a consideration in most cases). The actual bark may not be present on a timber in a building, though the dendrochronologist who is sampling can often see from its surface that only the bark is missing. In these cases the date of the last ring is still the date of felling.

Quite often some, though not all, of the original outer rings are missing on a timber. The outer rings on an oak, called sapwood rings, are usually lighter than the inner rings, the heartwood, and so are relatively easy to identify. For example, sapwood can be seen in the corner of the rafter and at the outer end of the core in Figure A2, both indicated by arrows. More importantly for dendrochronology, the sapwood is relatively soft and so liable to insect attack and wear and tear. The builder, therefore, may remove some of the sapwood for precisely these reasons. Nevertheless, if at least some of the sapwood rings are left on a sample, we will know that not too many rings have been lost since felling so that the date of the last ring on the sample is only a few years before the date of the original last ring on the tree, and so to the date of felling.

Various estimates have been made and used for the average number of sapwood rings in mature oak trees (English Heritage 1998). A fairly conservative range is between 15 and 50 and that this holds for 95% of mature oaks. This means, of course, that in a small number of cases there could be fewer than 15 and more than 50 sapwood rings. For example, the core CRO-A06 has only 9 sapwood rings and some have obviously been lost over time – either they were removed originally by the carpenter and/or they rotted away in the building and/or they were lost in the coring. It is not known exactly how many sapwood rings are missing, but using the above range the Laboratory would estimate between a minimum of 6 (=15-9) and a maximum of 41 (=50-9). If the last ring of CRO-A06 has been dated to 1500, say, then the estimated felling-date range for the tree from which it came originally would be between 1506 and 1541. The Laboratory uses this estimate for sapwood in areas of England where it has no prior information. It

also uses it when dealing with samples with very many rings, about 120 to the last heartwood ring. But in other areas of England where the Laboratory has accumulated a number of samples with complete sapwood, that is, no sapwood lost since felling, other estimates in place of the conservative range of 15 to 50 are used. In the East Midlands (Laxton *et al* 2001) and the east to the south down to Kent (Pearson 1995) where it has sampled extensively in the past, the Laboratory uses the shorter estimate of 15 to 35 sapwood rings in 95% of mature oaks growing in these parts. Since the sample CRO-A06 comes from a house in Cropwell Bishop in the East Midlands, a better estimate of sapwood rings lost since felling is between a minimum of 6 (=15-9) and 26 (=35-9) and the felling would be estimated to have taken place between 1506 and 1526, a shorter period than before. Oak boards quite often come from the Baltic region and in these cases the 95% confidence limits for sapwood are 9 to 36 (Howard *et al* 1992, 56).

Even more precise estimates of the felling date and range can often be obtained using knowledge of a particular case and information gathered at the time of sampling. For example, at the time of sampling the dendrochronologist may have noted that the timber from which the core of Figure A2 was taken still had complete sapwood but that some of the soft sapwood rings were lost in coring. By measuring into the timber the depth of sapwood lost, say 20mm, a reasonable estimate can be made of the number of sapwood rings lost, say 12 to 15 rings in this case. By adding on 12 to 15 years to the date of the last ring on the sample a good tight estimate for the range of the felling date can be obtained, which is often better than the 15 to 35 years later we would have estimated without this observation. In the example, the felling is now estimated to have taken place between AD 1512 and 1515, which is much more precise than without this extra information.

Even if all the sapwood rings are missing on a sample, but none of the heartwood rings are, then an estimate of the felling-date range is possible by adding on the full compliment of, say, 15 to 35 years to the date of the last heartwood ring (called the heartwood/ sapwood boundary or transition ring and denoted H/S). Fortunately it is often easy for a trained dendrochronologist to identify this boundary on a timber. If a timber does not have its heartwood/sapwood boundary, then only a *post quem* date for felling is possible.

**5.** Estimating the Date of Construction. There is a considerable body of evidence collected by dendrochronologists over the years that oak timbers used in buildings were not seasoned in medieval or early modern times (English Heritage 1998; Miles 1997, 50–5). Hence, provided that all the samples in a building have estimated felling-date ranges broadly in agreement with each other, so that they appear to have been felled as a group, then this should give an accurate estimate of the period when the structure was built, or soon after (Laxton *et al* 2001, fig 8; 34–5, where 'associated groups of fellings' are discussed in detail). However, if there is any evidence of storage before use, or if there is evidence the oak came from abroad (eg Baltic boards), then some allowance has to be made for this.

6. Master Chronological Sequences. Ultimately, to date a sequence of ring widths, or a site sequence, we need a master sequence of dated ring widths with which to crossmatch it, a Master Chronology. To construct such a sequence we have to start with a sequence of widths whose dates are known and this means beginning with a sequence from an oak tree whose date of felling is known. In Figure A6 such a sequence is SHE-T, which came from a tree in Sherwood Forest which was blown down in a recent gale. After this other sequences which cross-match with it are added and gradually the sequence is 'pushed back in time' as far as the age of samples will allow. This process is illustrated in Figure A6. We have a master chronological sequence of widths for Nottinghamshire and East Midlands oak for each year from AD 882 to 1981. It is described in great detail in Laxton and Litton (1988), but the components it contains are shown here in the form of a bar diagram. As can be seen, it is well replicated in that for each year in this period there are several sample sequences having widths for that year. The master is the average of these. This master can now be used to date oak from this area and from the surrounding areas where the climate is very similar to that in the East Midlands. The Laboratory has also constructed a master for Kent (Laxton and Litton 1989). The method the Laboratory uses to construct a master sequence, such as the East Midlands and Kent, is completely objective and uses the Litton-Zainodin grouping procedure (Laxton et al 1988). Other laboratories and individuals have constructed masters for other areas and have made them available. As well as these masters, local (dated) site chronologies can be used to date other buildings from nearby. The Laboratory has hundreds of these site sequences from many parts of England and Wales covering many short periods.

7. **Ring-Width Indices.** Tree-ring dating can be done by cross-matching the ring widths themselves, as described above. However, it is advantageous to modify the widths first. Because different trees grow at different rates and because a young oak grows in a different way from an older oak, irrespective of the climate, the widths are first standardized before any matching between them is attempted. These standard widths are known as ring-width indices and were first used in dendrochronology by Baillie and Pilcher (1973). The exact form they take is explained in this paper and in the appendix of Laxton and Litton (1988) and is illustrated in the graphs in Figure A7. Here ring-widths are plotted vertically, one for each year of growth. In the upper sequence of (a), the generally large early growth after 1810 is very apparent as is the smaller later growth from about 1900 onwards when the tree is maturing. A similar phenomenon can be observed in the lower sequence of (a) starting in 1835. In both the widths are also changing rapidly from year to year. The peaks are the wide rings and the troughs are the narrow rings corresponding to good and poor growing seasons, respectively. The two corresponding sequence of Baillie-Pilcher indices are plotted in (b) where the differences in the immature and mature growths have been removed and only the rapidly changing peaks and troughs remain, that are associated with the common climatic signal. This makes cross-matching easier.

*t*-value/offset Matrix



## Figure A5: Cross-matching of four sequences from a Lincoln Cathedral roof and the formation of a site sequence from them

The bar diagram represents these sequences without the rings themselves. The length of the bar is proportional to the number of rings in the sequence. Here the four sequences are set at relative positions (offsets) to each other at which they have maximum correlation as measured by the *t*-values. The *t*-value/offset matrix contains the maximum *t*-values below the diagonal and the offsets above it. Thus, the maximum *t*-value between C08 and C45 occurs at the offset of +20 rings and the *t*-value is then 5.6. The site sequence is composed of the average of the corresponding widths, as illustrated with one width

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## Figure A7 (a): The raw ring-widths of two samples, THO-A01 and THO-B05, whose felling dates are known

Here the ring widths are plotted vertically, one for each year, so that peaks represent wide rings and troughs narrow ones. Notice the growth-trends in each; on average the earlier rings of the young tree are wider than the later ones of the older tree in both sequences

## Figure A7 (b): The Baillie-Pilcher indices of the above widths

The growth trends have been removed completely

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