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## SUMMARY

Dendrochronological analysis was undertaken on 68 of the 90 core samples obtained from timbers in the nave, north aisle, chancel, Lady Chapel, and vestry roofs of the Church of St George, Modbury. The remaining 22 samples were found to have too few rings for reliable dating. This analysis produced two site chronologies. The first site chronology comprises 48 samples with an overall length of 198 rings and includes timbers from all five roofs sampled. These rings were dated as spanning the years AD 1343–1540. Interpretation of the sapwood on these dated samples suggests that all are broadly coeval with the majority likely to have been felled in the mid-sixteenth century. This indicates a major episode of reroofing of the church undertaken in the mid-sixteenth century. A second site chronology of two samples, 101 rings long, could not be dated. Eighteen of the measured samples remain ungrouped and undated.

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## INTRODUCTION

The Grade 1 listed parish Church of St George, Modbury, Devon (Figs 1a–c) was formerly a dependency of Modbury Priory (List Entry Number: 1108059). It is a large church, and prominent landmark, comprising a tower and spire to the west, nave with north and south aisles to which a two-storey porch is attached to the latter, north and south transepts, and a chancel flanked by the vestry and Lady Chapel (Fig 2a). The main body of the church is fourteenth century and is constructed of coursed rubble with granite dressings beneath slate roofs. The tower has angle buttresses but has no battlements or transitional stage to the broach spire above which is one tier of small dormers (Cherry and Pevsner 1989). This is reputed to have been struck by lightning in AD 1621 and subsequently rebuilt in its original fourteenth century form. It is believed that refenestration occurred in the fifteenth century. The nave has a wagon roof, continuous through the crossing bay, as do the north and south aisles, north and south transepts, the Lady Chapel, the Vestry, and the chancel.

The Church of St George was placed on the Heritage at Risk Register in 2013 with the roofs being described as being in poor condition with internal cracking and damp areas and the tower, as damp with water ingress to the ringing chamber. A Heritage Lottery Fund grant, under the Grants for Places of Worship scheme, was awarded in 2015 for an extensive programme of roof repairs and restoration.

## SAMPLING

Dendrochronological analysis was initially requested by Francis Kelly (Historic England Inspector of Historic Buildings and Areas) prior to his retirement, and subsequently followed through by Annie Evans (Historic England Heritage at Risk Architect), in order to enhance understanding of the historical development of the church and hence inform advice and significance.

The programme of repairs to the roofs involved the sequential stripping of tiles from different roof areas of the church, the underlying timber structure of the wagon roofs, thus, being revealed (Figs 2a–d).

From the timbers exposed during the progressive stages of the roof repair programme a total of 90 samples was obtained by coring. These samples were obtained during a series of site visits as the timbers of the various roofs were exposed by the works, the general location of group of samples being shown in Figure 3. It was hoped to obtain samples from all roof areas but given the speed of stripping and reroofing, and the limited amount of repair work required in certain areas, sampling was, in some cases, restricted, or simply not possible; the south aisle roof being the most notable unsampled area. Each sample was given the code MOD-A (for Modbury, site ‘A’) and numbered 01–90 (Table 1). The timbers have been located by reference to their frame number within each roof, always counting

from the east end westwards, and being then, further identified on a north–south basis as appropriate. A typical truss, identifying the timber members, is illustrated in Figure 4.

## ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

Each of the 90 samples obtained from the Church of St George was prepared by sanding and polishing. It was seen at this time that a total of 22 samples had less than the 40 rings here deemed necessary for reliable dating and they were rejected from this programme of analysis. The annual growth ring widths of the remaining 68 samples were, however, measured, these data being given at the end of this report. The 68 measured series were then compared with each other by the Litton/Zainodin grouping procedure (see Appendix), this comparative process resulting in the production of two groups of cross-matching samples.

The first group comprises 48 samples, these cross-matching with each other as shown in Figure 5. These 48 cross-matching series were combined at their indicated offset positions to form site chronology MODASQ01, this having an overall length of 198 rings. Site chronology MODASQ01 was then compared to an extensive corpus of reference chronologies for oak, this indicating a consistent and repeated match when the date of its first ring is AD 1343 and the date of its last measured ring is AD 1540 (Table 2).

The second group comprises two samples, these cross-matching with each other as shown in Figure 6. These two samples were also combined at their indicated offset positions to form site chronology MODASQ02, this having an overall length of 101 rings. Site chronology MODASQ02 was also compared to an extensive corpus of reference chronologies for oak but there was no satisfactory repeated cross-matching at any position and these two samples must, therefore, remain undated.

The two site chronologies, thus, created, MODASQ01 and MODASQ02, were compared with the 18 remaining measured but ungrouped samples. There was, however, no further satisfactory cross-matching. These 18 ungrouped samples were then compared individually with the corpus of reference chronologies for oak but again, there was no reliable cross-matching and, thus, all 18 samples remain undated.

## INTERPRETATION

Timbers from all five areas of roof sampled have been dated (Fig 7). However, none of the 48 dated series in site chronology MODASQ01 retain sapwood complete to the bark, the timbers having been heavily defrased at some time in the past, and it is, thus, not possible to determine precisely when any individual tree was cut. A number of the samples do, however, retain the heartwood/sapwood boundary (Figs 5 and 7; Table 1), this indicating that it is only the sapwood rings that have been

lost. Using a sapwood estimate of 15–40 rings (the 95% confidence interval) it is, thus, possible to calculate estimated felling date ranges within which it is most likely that the trees from which these timbers were derived were felled. It is clear that all of the dated timbers are likely to be broadly coeval (Fig 5) but the nature of the roofs and their constituent elements means that a large number of relatively small scantling timbers are required and, hence, the timbers derived from larger trees will be missing potentially significant amounts of heartwood, as well as the sapwood, lost during conversion of the tree into a series of timber elements. The overall variation in the heartwood/sapwood boundary dates ranges from AD 1511 (MOD-A89) to AD 1540 (MOD-A55) indicating an earliest estimated felling date range of AD 1526–51 and an estimated latest felling date range of AD 1555–80. This wide variation in the heartwood/sapwood boundary dates suggests that the trees utilised across the roofs under investigation were either felled over an extended period or represent a series of short episodes of intensive felling during the mid-sixteenth century. In this instance it is suggested that the latter may be the case as, whilst the felling date ranges obtained for individual timbers within the roofs clearly overlap, there does appear to be a possible minor progression of felling date ranges when looking at the interpretations for each of the five separate roofs given below.

None of the six dated samples from the Lady Chapel roof had retained any trace of sapwood (Fig 7; Table 1). The timbers have, thus, lost, during conversion, all of their sapwood rings and an unknown number of heartwood rings as well. They do, however, appear likely to be coeval. Thus, with a latest heartwood ring date of AD 1505 (MOD-A20), and allowing for a minimum of 15 sapwood rings, it is likely that these dated timbers were derived from trees felled after AD 1520.

One of the three dated samples from the vestry roof retained the heartwood/sapwood boundary (Fig 7; Table 1). The heartwood/sapwood boundary date is AD 1511 which gives this timber an estimated felling date range of AD 1526–51. Again, it appears likely that the other two timbers are coeval and, hence, have a similar felling date range.

Two of the eight dated samples from the chantry roof retained the heartwood/sapwood boundary (Fig 7; Table 1). The average heartwood/sapwood boundary on these two samples is AD 1519, which gives these timbers an estimated felling date range of AD 1534–59. The remaining six samples appear likely to have been more heavily trimmed during conversion with felled-after-dates ranging from AD 1471 (MOD-A37) to AD 1496 (MOD-A39). This, therefore, does not preclude these timbers from also being felled in AD 1534–59.

Three of the 11 dated samples from north aisle roof retain the heartwood/sapwood boundary. The average heartwood/sapwood boundary date is AD 1523, which gives these timbers an estimated felling date range of AD 1538–63. The remaining eight timbers have felled after dates ranging from AD 1467 (MOD-A75) to AD



1522 (MOD-A70), which allows for these timbers, some again appearing likely to have been more heavily trimmed, also being felled in AD 1538–63.

Nine of the twenty dated samples from the nave roof retain the heartwood/sapwood boundary. The average heartwood/sapwood boundary date is AD 1527, which gives these timbers an estimated felling date range of AD 1542–67. The remaining timbers have felled-after dates ranging from AD 1463 (MOD-A56) to AD 1528 (MOD-A08). This again, allows for these timbers to have also been felled in AD 1542–67, with some timbers again appearing to have been quite heavily trimmed.

## DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

### Dated timbers

Tree-ring analysis of timbers to the various roofs of the Church of St George has successfully dated 48 of the 68 samples that were measured. This analysis suggests that the felling of all of the timbers represented is likely to have taken place in the mid-sixteenth century, potentially in a series of short episodes, with construction of the various roofs following on shortly after felling.

The interpretation of the results for the individual roofs suggests that work may have commenced on the vestry, and then progressed sequentially to the chancel, then to the north aisle, and finally to the nave. If this schema of work had been followed, it might be reasonable to assume that work on the Lady Chapel took place between that to the chancel and the north aisle. Without precise felling dates, potentially due to defrassing having been undertaken at some point, it is unclear how long a gap there might have been between work on individual roofs and it remains a possibility that the entire mid-sixteenth century reroofing was undertaken in a single uninterrupted programme with felling of trees having occurred over an extended period. However, as indicated above, the results obtained do perhaps intimate, by way of the levels of cross-matching noted within and between the samples from the different roofs, that there were short gaps during the reroofing programme. The overall intra-roof cross-matching of samples tends to be higher, this perhaps suggesting that the timbers for each roof may have been sourced from single woodlands or closely related group of trees, and indeed there are a number of potential same-tree derivations for timbers within the nave roof, the north aisle roof and chancel roof (see below). The inter-roof cross-matching of samples, on the other hand, tends to be slightly lower, suggesting that different woodlands or areas of woodland were used for different roofs, and that periods of felling were episodic. If the reroofing had taken place as a single continuous uninterrupted programme of work, this distinction in the sourcing of timber might be less pronounced, although it should be noted that there are some potential same-tree derivations for timbers found in the nave and north aisle roofs (see below),

suggesting that these two roofs might have been replaced with little or no break in the programme of works.

Thus, while this mid-sixteenth century programme of reroofing is perhaps best seen as a single large-planned project, the actual felling of timber may well have been undertaken as a series of discrete episodes during a period of perhaps two or three decades, with the hiatus between work on some roofs, the north aisle and nave for example, perhaps being shorter than others.

## Woodland sources

In some programmes of tree-ring analysis it may be possible to make a comment in respect of the location of the woodland source for the timbers used in a particular building or phase of construction. In this instance, as may be noted from Table 2, although the site chronology MODASQ01 has been cross-matched with reference material from all parts of England, there is a distinct trend for it to cross-match best with chronologies from other sites in south-west England. This is also reflected in the sub-site chronologies representing each roof, which also demonstrate no clear differences in woodland source between the different groups of timbers. Although the exact source of the timber used in this church cannot be reliably determined, this cross-matching would strongly suggest that it was all from relatively local woodland sources, and potentially discrete areas within a single source of woodland for the different roofs.

Wherever the source woodland(s) was, it is likely, as intimated above, that some trees were growing close to each other in the same copse or area of woodland. In the chancel, for example, samples MOD-A39 and MOD-A41 cross-match with a value of  $t=8.5$ , while in the nave samples MOD-A03 and MOD-A61 cross-match with a value of  $t=8.6$ , and in the north aisle samples MOD-A69 and MOD-A73 cross-match with a value of  $t=8.3$ , these values suggesting the respective pairs of timbers were sourced from trees growing relatively nearby to each other. There are also, as indicated above, higher  $t$ -values suggesting that some timbers may have been derived from a single tree, although lower  $t$ -values do not preclude this possibility. Examples of these, amongst others, are in the nave MOD-A12 and MOD-A61 matching with a value of  $t=15.6$ , in the north aisle MOD-A69 and MOD-A72 matching with a value of  $t=17.2$ , in the chancel MOD-A36 and MOD-A49 matching with a value of  $t=11.5$ , and MOD-A12 from the nave and MOD-A70 from the north aisle matching with a value of  $t=13.5$ .

## Undated timbers

The two samples of site chronology MODASQ02 remain undated but the high level of cross-matching between them ( $t = 8.1$ ) does indicate that the two timbers

represented are likely to be coeval. The fact that these two samples remain undated, along with the 18 ungrouped individual samples, does not necessarily mean that they are not of mid-sixteenth century date. As may be seen from Table 1, although some of these undated samples have higher numbers of rings (the longest ungrouped/undated sample, MOD-A76, having 73 rings), the majority tend towards lower numbers of rings making successful dating less likely. In addition, some of the samples, MOD-A82 for example, also show some distortion to their growth rings, which will hamper successful cross-matching and dating. It should also be noted that it is common to find that a percentage of apparently suitable measured series cannot be successfully grouped and dated from a phase or structure even though all other evidence points to them being coeval and, in this respect, the Church of St George, with over 70% of its measured samples dated, may be regarded as a successful analysis.

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## TABLES

*Table 1: Details of tree-ring samples from St George's Church, Modbury, Devon*

Sample number	Sample location	Total rings	Sapwood rings	First measured ring date AD	Last heartwood ring date AD	Last measured ring date AD
	Nave roof - south side					
MOD-A01	South rafter, frame 4	103	no h/s	1380	-----	1482
MOD-A02	South lower archbrace, frame 6	157	h/s	1365	1521	1521
MOD-A03	South lower archbrace, frame 7	139	no h/s	1369	-----	1507
MOD-A04	South rafter, frame 8	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A05	South rafter, frame 9	85	h/s	1439	1523	1523
MOD-A06	South lower archbrace, frame 9	56	no h/s	1400	-----	1455
MOD-A07	South rafter, frame 10	79	h/s	1447	1525	1525
MOD-A08	South rafter, frame 15	99	no h/s	1415	-----	1513
MOD-A09	South rafter, frame 17	145	no h/s	1367	-----	1511
MOD-A10	South rafter, frame 19	46	no h/s	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A11	South rafter, frame 21	119	no h/s	1393	-----	1511
MOD-A12	South rafter, frame 23	138	no h/s	1376	-----	1513
MOD-A13	South rafter, frame 24	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A14	South lower archbrace, frame 32	73	h/s	1445	1517	1517
MOD-A15	South rafter, frame 33	60	no h/s	-----	-----	-----
	Lady Chapel roof					
MOD-A16	South rafter, frame 1	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A17	Collar, frame 1	56	no h/s	1448	-----	1503
MOD-A18	North rafter, frame 2	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A19	Collar, frame 3	54	no h/s	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A20	Collar, frame 4	83	no h/s	1423	-----	1505
MOD-A21	North rafter, frame 6	50	no h/s	1433	-----	1482
MOD-A22	Collar, frame 6	78	no h/s	1413	-----	1490
MOD-A23	Collar, frame 7	nm	---	-----	-----	-----



*Table 1: continued*

Sample number	Sample location	Total rings	Sapwood rings	First measured ring date AD	Last heartwood ring date AD	Last measured ring date AD
	Lady Chapel roof (continued)					
MOD-A24	Collar, frame 8	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A25	North rafter, frame 10	70	no h/s	1433	-----	1502
MOD-A26	South rafter, frame 11	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A27	Collar, frame, 11	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A28	South lower archbrace, frame 12	44	no h/s	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A29	North rafter, frame 13	70	no h/s	1433	-----	1502
MOD-A30	South lower archbrace, frame 15	55	17	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A31	North rafter, frame 16	70	10	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A32	South lower archbrace, frame 16	62	h/s	-----	-----	-----
	Chancel roof					
MOD-A33	South rafter, frame 3	68	h/s	1450	1517	1517
MOD-A34	South rafter, frame 7	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A35	South rafter, frame 9	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A36	South rafter, frame 13	67	no h/s	1412	-----	1478
MOD-A37	South rafter, frame 19	77	no h/s	1380	-----	1456
MOD-A38	South rafter, frame 21	50	no h/s	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A39	South rafter, frame 22	100	no h/s	1382	-----	1481
MOD-A40	South rafter, frame 24	43	h/s	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A41	South rafter, frame 25	92	no h/s	1389	-----	1480
MOD-A42	South rafter, frame 26	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A43	South rafter, frame 30	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A44	North rafter, frame 7	60	no h/s	1427	-----	1486
MOD-A45	North rafter, frame 8	55	h/s	1467	1521	1521
MOD-A46	North rafter, frame 9	46	no h/s	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A47	North rafter, frame 14	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A48	North rafter, frame 19	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A49	North rafter, frame 20	73	no h/s	1396	-----	1468

*Table 1: continued*

Sample number	Sample location	Total rings	Sapwood rings	First measured ring date AD	Last heartwood ring date AD	Last measured ring date AD
	Chancel roof (continued)					
MOD-A50	North rafter, frame 24	60	no h/s	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A51	North rafter, frame 26	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A52	North rafter, frame 28	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
	Nave roof - north side					
MOD-A53	North rafter, frame 23	65	h/s	1463	1527	1527
MOD-A54	North rafter, frame 26	65	h/s	1463	1527	1527
MOD-A55	North rafter, frame 29	58	h/s	1483	1540	1540
MOD-A56	North rafter, frame 30	106	no h/s	1343	-----	1448
MOD-A57	North rafter, frame 32	100	no h/s	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A58	North rafter, frame 33	75	h/s	1458	1532	1532
MOD-A59	North rafter, frame 36	69	h/s	1460	1528	1528
MOD-A60	North rafter, frame 44	98	no h/s	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A61	North rafter, frame 45	111	no h/s	1375	-----	1485
MOD-A62	North rafter, frame 46	127	no h/s	1378	-----	1504
MOD-A63	North rafter, frame 47	81	no h/s	1428	-----	1508
MOD-A64	Collar, frame 47	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
	North aisle roof					
MOD-A65	Collar, frame 1	128	h/s	1392	1519	1519
MOD-A66	Collar, frame 5	102	no h/s	1363	-----	1464
MOD-A67	Collar, frame, 9	52	h/s	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A68	North lower archbrace, frame 9	88	h/s	1431	1518	1518
MOD-A69	Collar, frame 13	130	no h/s	1366	-----	1495
MOD-A70	Collar, frame 14	114	no h/s	1394	-----	1507
MOD-A71	Collar, frame 17	63	no h/s	1444	-----	1506
MOD-A72	Collar, frame 19	82	no h/s	1421	-----	1502
MOD-A73	Collar, frame 20	75	no h/s	1432	-----	1506
MOD-A74	North lower archbrace, frame 31	119	h/s	1415	1533	1533

*Table 1: continued*

Sample number	Sample location	Total rings	Sapwood rings	First measured ring date AD	Last heartwood ring date AD	Last measured ring date AD
	North aisle roof (continued)					
MOD-A75	North lower archbrace, frame 35	98	no h/s	1355	-----	1452
MOD-A76	North lower archbrace, frame 38	73	no h/s	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A77	North lower archbrace, frame 40	85	no h/s	1379	-----	1463
MOD-A78	North wallplate (east end)	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
	Vestry roof					
MOD-A79	Collar, frame 1	84	no h/s	1395	-----	1478
MOD-A80	North lower archbrace, frame 3	46	h/s	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A81	North lower archbrace, frame 4	48	13	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A82	North rafter, frame 5	49+	+40nm to h/s	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A83	Collar, frame 6	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A84	Collar, frame 7	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A85	North soulace, frame 7	46	h/s	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A86	North soulace, frame 8	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A87	North rafter, frame 9	nm	---	-----	-----	-----
MOD-A88	North rafter, frame 10	54	no h/s	1439	-----	1492
MOD-A89	North rafter, frame 11	53	h/s	1459	1511	1511
MOD-A90	South rafter, frame 18	50	h/s	-----	-----	-----

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

nm = not measured

*Table 2: Results of the cross-matching of site sequence MODASQ01 and relevant reference chronologies when the first-ring date is AD 1343 and the last-ring date is AD 1540*

Reference chronology	Span of chronology	<i>t</i> -value	Reference
Leigh Barton, Churchstow, Devon	AD 1345–1484	9.1	Groves 2006
Holy Cross Church, Crediton, Devon	AD 1317–1536	8.1	Tyers 2004a
Pendennis Castle, near Falmouth, Cornwall	AD 1358–1541	8.1	Tyers 2004b
Church of St Ildierna, Lansallos, Cornwall	AD 1355–1514	7.8	Arnold and Howard 2006
Church House Inn, Churchstow, Devon	AD 1397–1505	7.8	Tyers <i>et al</i> forthcoming
Warleigh House, Tamerton Foliot, Devon	AD 1367–1539	7.4	Arnold <i>et al</i> 2006
Church of St Ciricus and St Julitta, St Veep, Cornwall	AD 1352–1512	7.4	Arnold <i>et al</i> 2005b
Poltimore House, Poltimore, Devon	AD 1380–1559	7.1	Arnold <i>et al</i> 2005a

## FIGURES

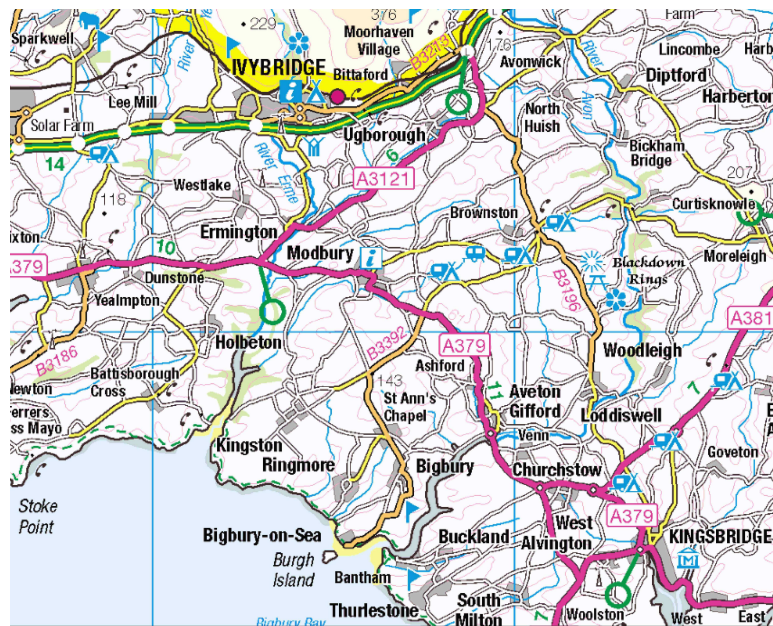


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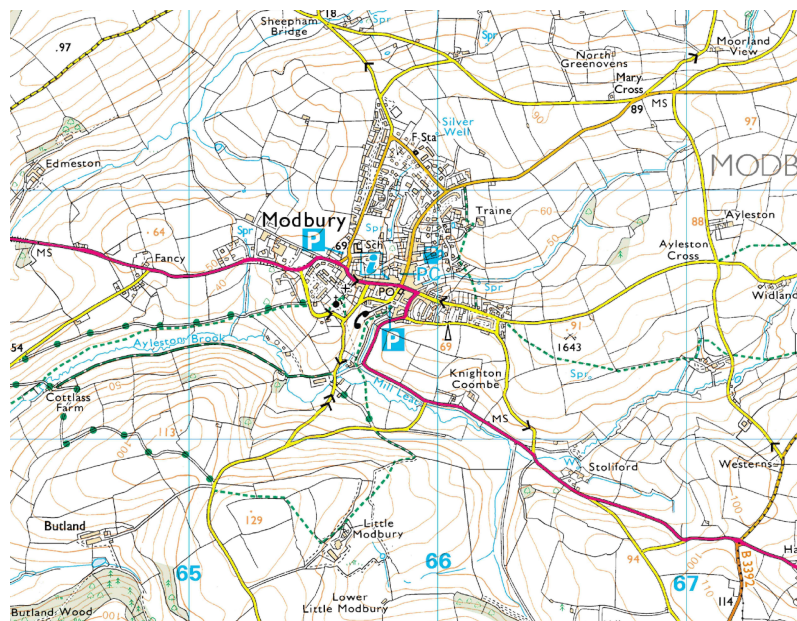
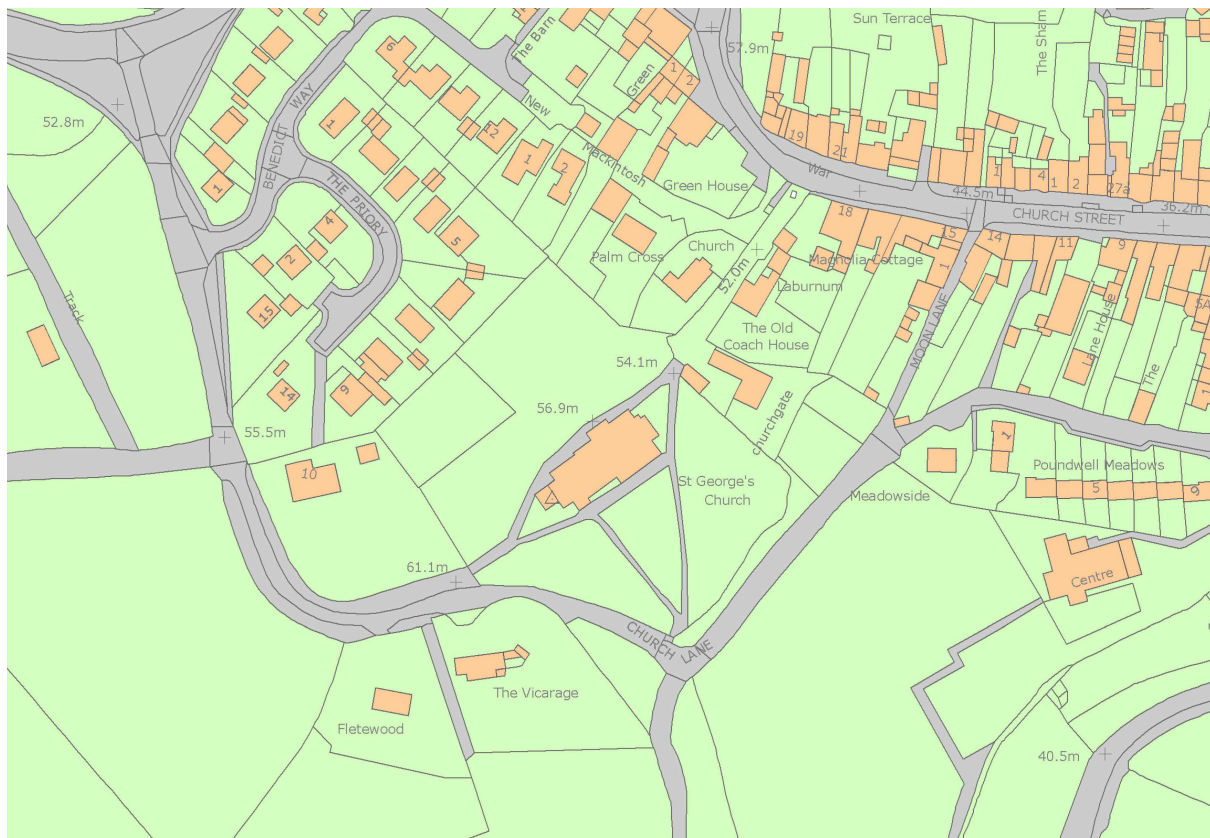


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*Figure 1c: Map to show the detailed location of the Church of St George, Modbury, Devon. © Crown Copyright and database right 2018. All rights reserved. Ordnance Survey Licence number 100024900*



*Figure 2a: General view of the roofs looking east (photograph Robert Howard)*



*Figure 2b: The valley between the nave and the south aisle roofs during repairs (photograph Robert Howard)*

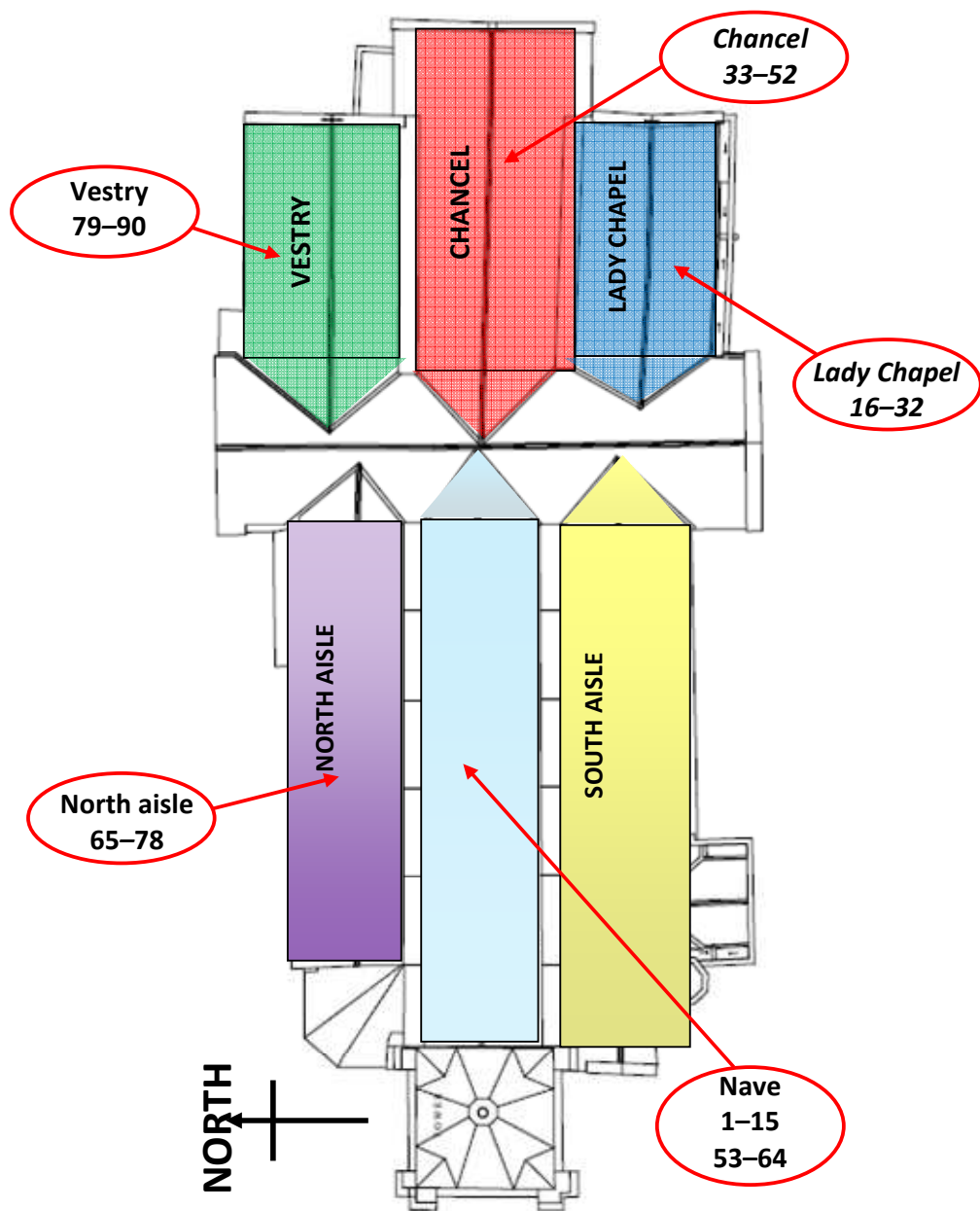




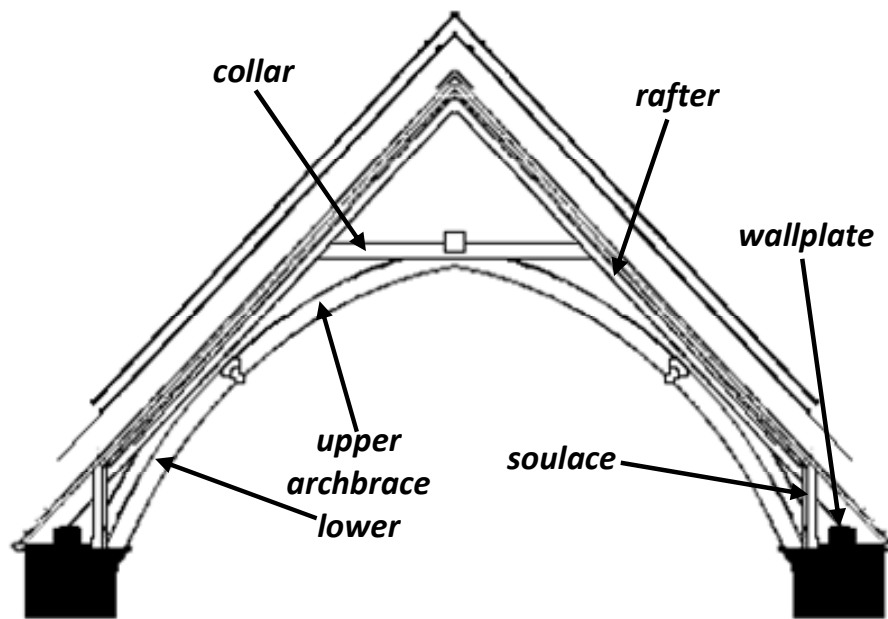
*Figure 2c: The north pitch to the chancel roof during repairs (photograph Robert Howard)*



*Figure 2d: The south pitch of the vestry roof during repairs (photograph Robert Howard)*

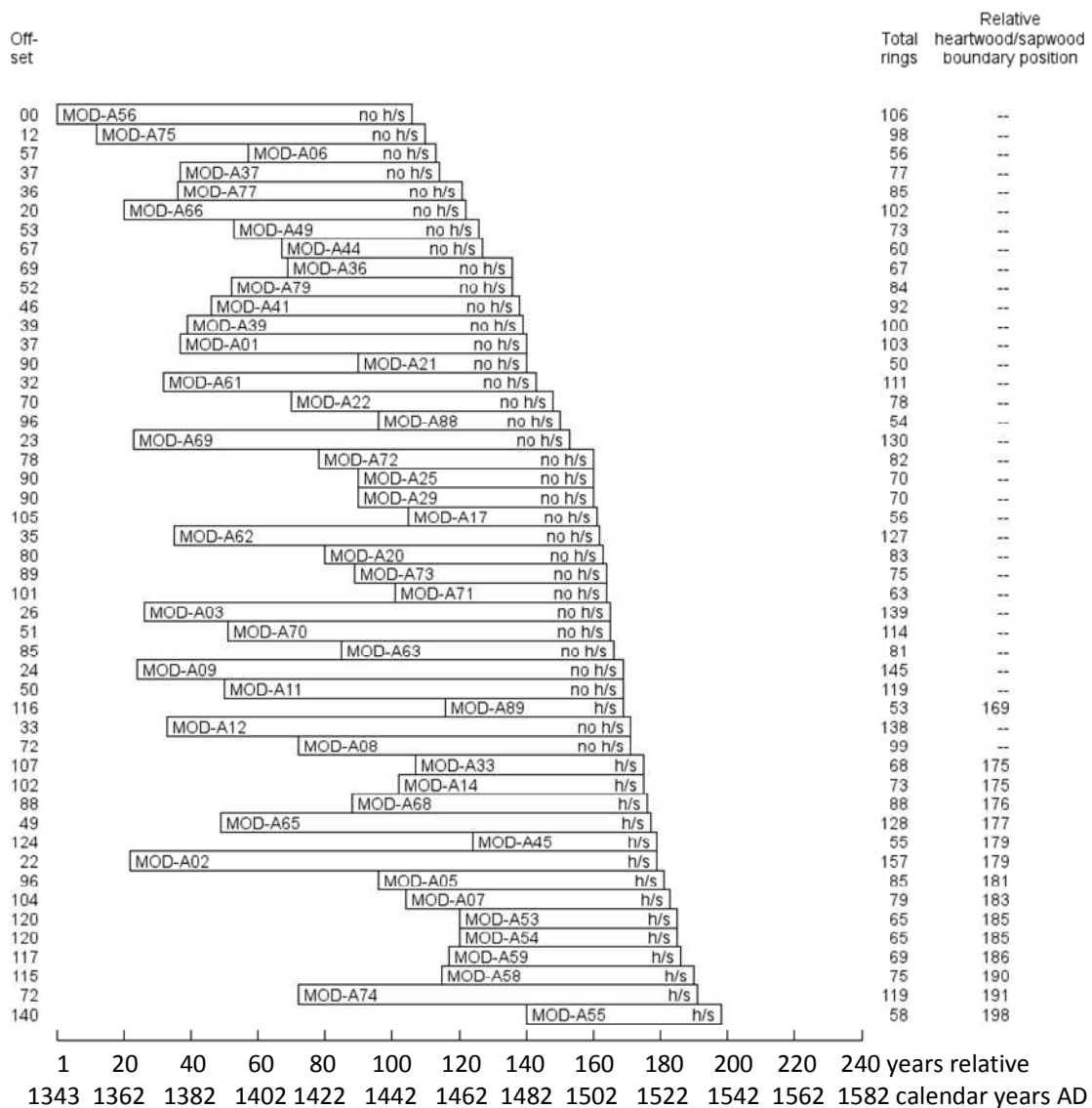


*Figure 3: Plan of the roofs to help locate sampled areas (after Chadburn Conservation Architect)*



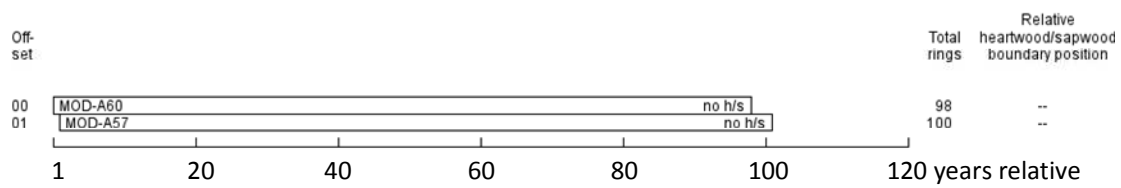
*Figure 4: Schematic cross-section of a typical truss to help identify sampled timbers (after Chadburn Conservation Architect)*





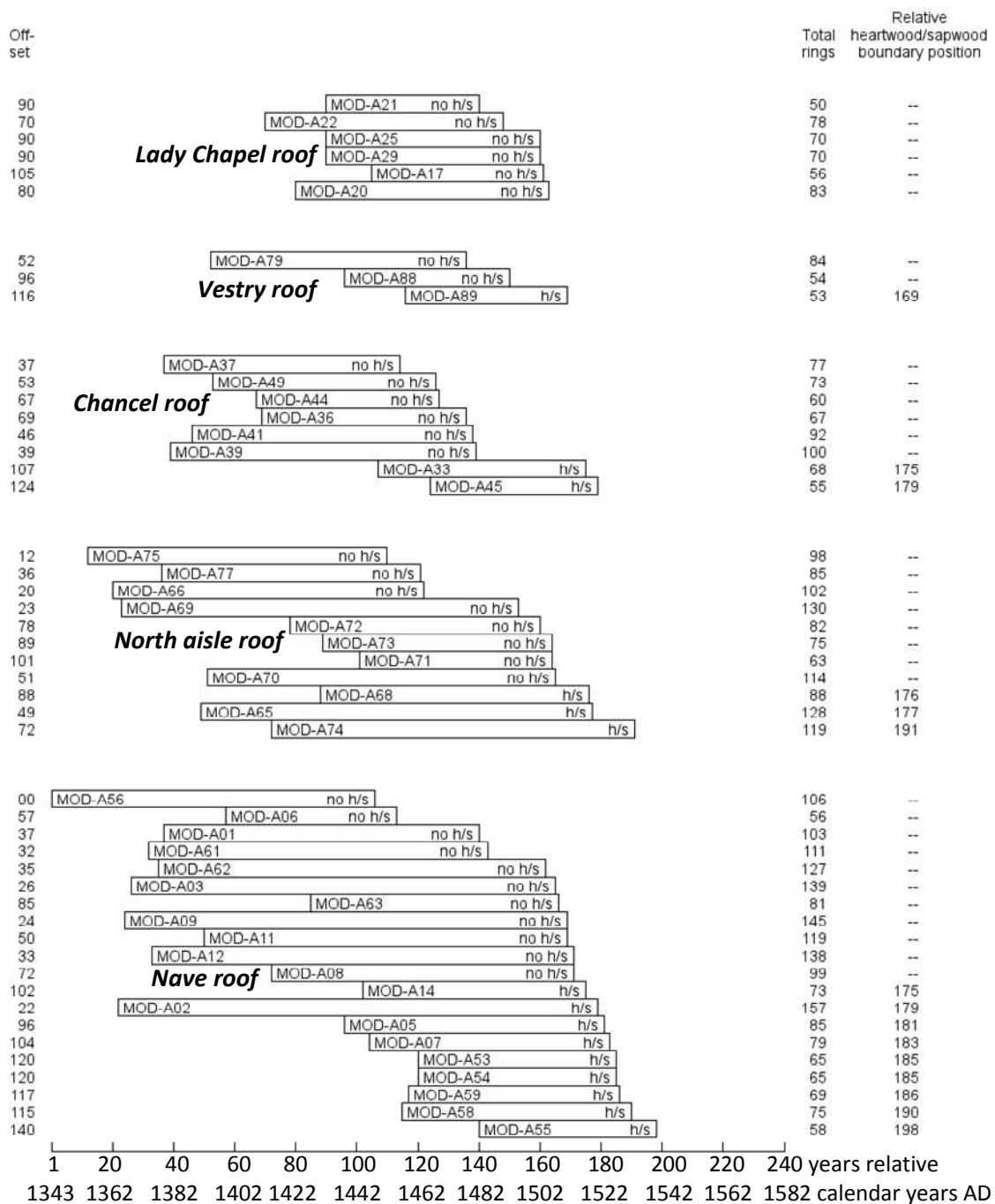
White bars = heartwood rings; h/s = heartwood/sapwood boundary

Figure 5: Bar diagram of the samples in site chronology MODASQ01



White bars = heartwood rings; h/s = heartwood/sapwood boundary

*Figure 6: Bar diagram of the samples in site chronology MODASQ02*



White bars = heartwood rings; h/s = heartwood/sapwood boundary

Figure 7: Bar diagram of the samples in site chronology MODASQ01 sorted by roof

## DATA OF MEASURED SAMPLES

Measurements in 0.01mm units

MOD-A01A 103

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54 88 88 57 87 123 78 51 85 48 67 89 100 107 116 100 71 46 45 47  
53 91 67 85 101 99 83 67 73 78 85 76 105 139 91 151 92 110 78 42  
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71 77 103 96 113 93 115 153 155 94 153 162 196 175 135 205 156 93 119 72  
107 175 179

MOD-A01B 103

85 98 92 185 121 157 168 201 183 89 61 43 52 62 54 68 101 66 78 69  
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53 86 67 89 89 97 95 64 71 75 92 78 108 157 76 166 84 106 78 43  
83 78 88 86 53 90 118 97 66 96 79 70 76 73 107 114 71 70 95 71  
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98 179 182

MOD-A02A 157

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51 73 64 53 51 33 34 63 73 89 75 106 64 67 82 67 73 71 105 122  
139 129 116 101 81 75 56 92 122 108 90 65 47 59 53 67 106 78 101 92  
92 41 61 89 81 89 74 119 92 60 110 49 96 56 51 78 53 63 62 62  
101 79 105 106 92 64 82 79 79 93 87 85 84 68 53 81 90 84 75 63  
66 92 90 67 73 76 56 60 51 48 73 84 52 59 50 73 63 62 43 60  
87 95 76 81 42 71 62 36 53 50 57 69 53 32 43 48 43 59 50 62  
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MOD-A02B 157

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79 46 66 85 83 84 88 116 92 57 105 50 97 63 54 77 60 64 64 62  
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MOD-A05A 85

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MOD-A08B 99

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MOD-A09A 145

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101 88 83 101 140

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102 87 92 95 144

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MOD-A10B 46

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MOD-A20B 83

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MOD-A21B 50

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MOD-A22A 78

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MOD-A37A 77

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MOD-A46A 46

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MOD-A53B 65

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MOD-A56B 106

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MOD-A58B 75

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MOD-A61B 111

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MOD-A62A 127

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MOD-A62B 127

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MOD-A63A 81

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MOD-A63B 81

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MOD-A66B 102

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MOD-A70B 114

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MOD-A74B 119

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MOD-A77B 85

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MOD-A79A 84

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MOD-A80A 46

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MOD-A80B 46

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MOD-A81A 48

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MOD-A81B 48

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MOD-A82A 49

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MOD-A85B 46

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MOD-A88A 54

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MOD-A88B 54

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MOD-A89A 53

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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 Nottingham Tree-ring Dating 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

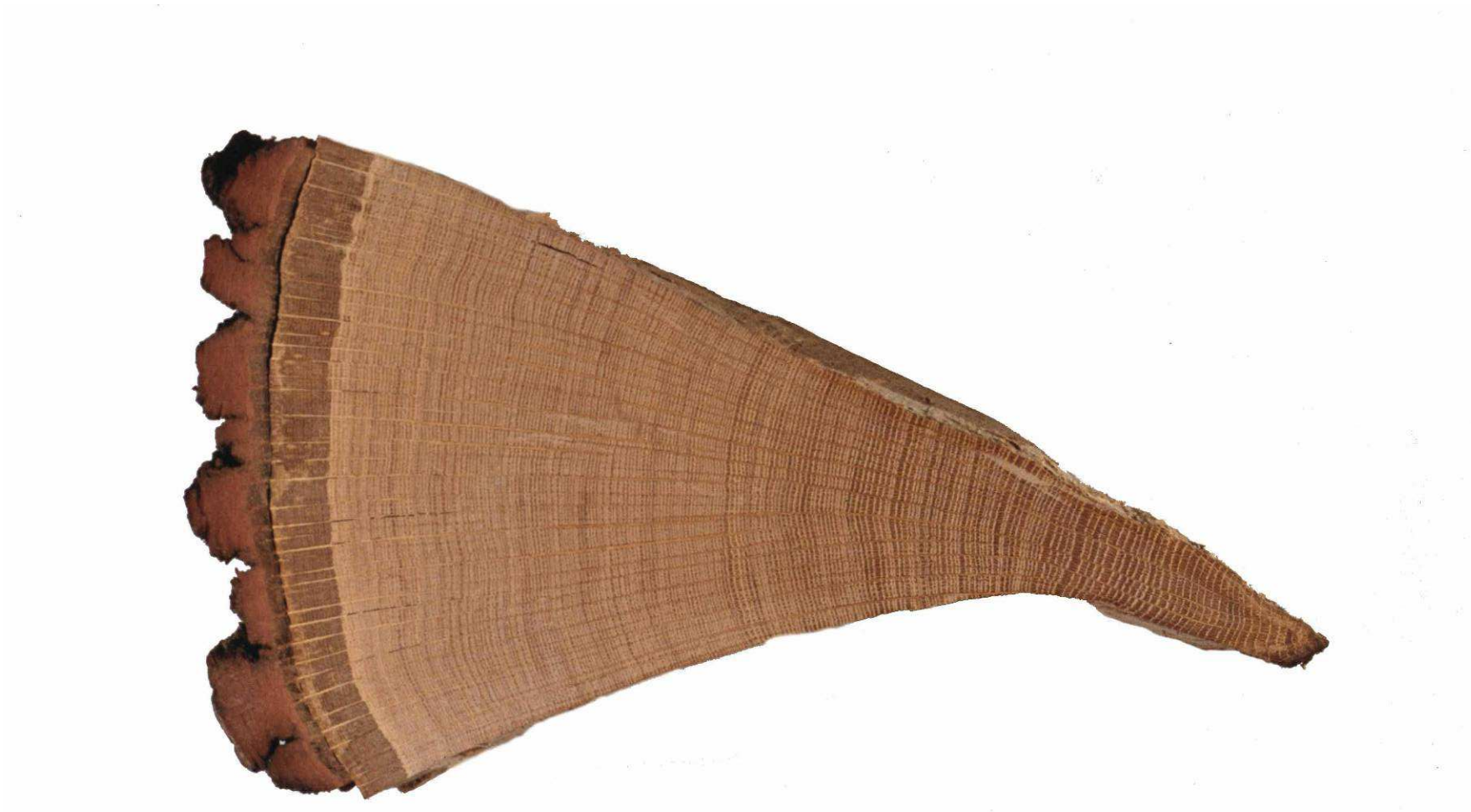
are also inspected to see how many rings they have. We normally look for timbers with at least 70 rings, and preferably more. With fewer rings than this, 50 for example, sequences of widths become difficult to match to a unique position within a master sequence of ring widths and so are difficult to 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 A1: A wedge of oak from a tree felled in 1976. It shows the annual growth rings, one for each year from the innermost ring to the last ring on the outside just inside the bark. The year of each ring can be determined by counting back from the outside ring, which grew in 1976*



*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-C04, 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 C08 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 complement 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.

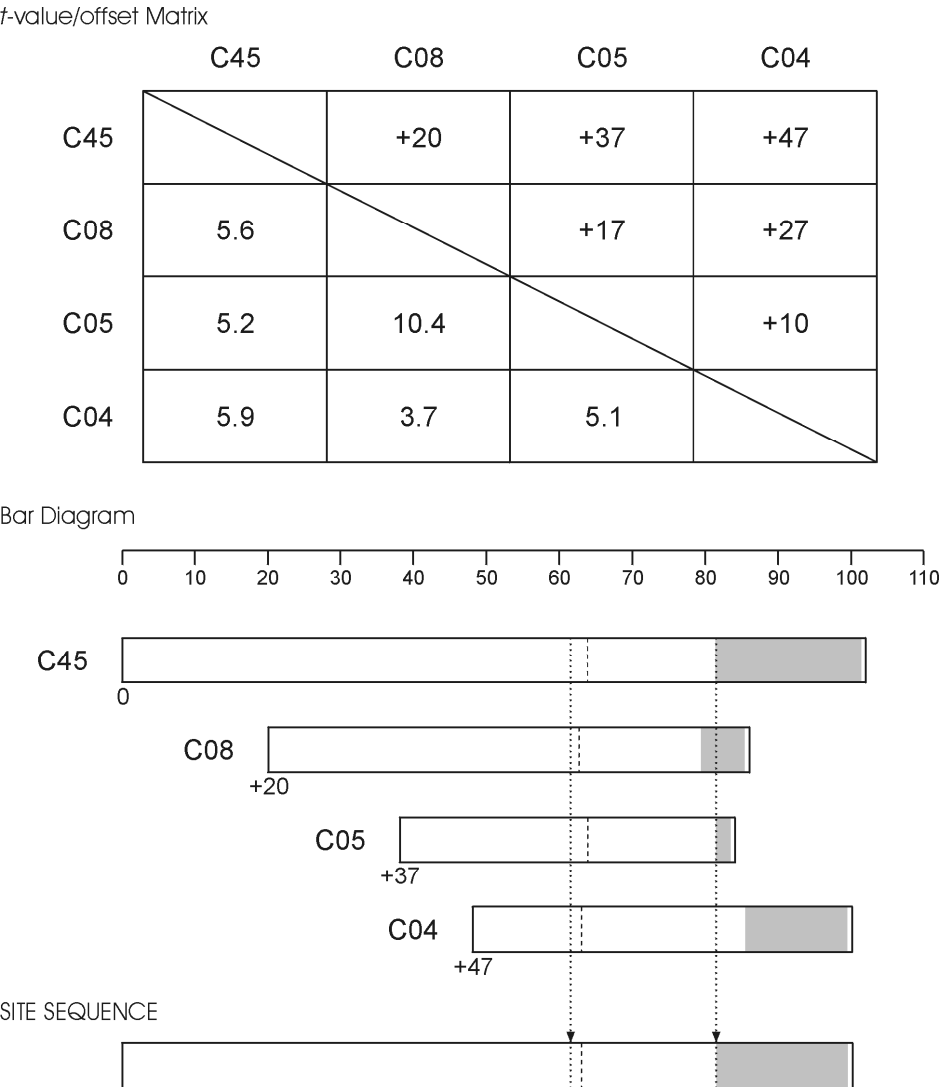
**5. Estimating the Date of Construction.** There is a considerable body of evidence collected by dendrochronologists over the years that oak timbers used in buildings were not seasoned in medieval or early modern times (English Heritage 1998; Miles 1997, 50–5). Hence, provided that all the samples in 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 cross-match 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.



*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.

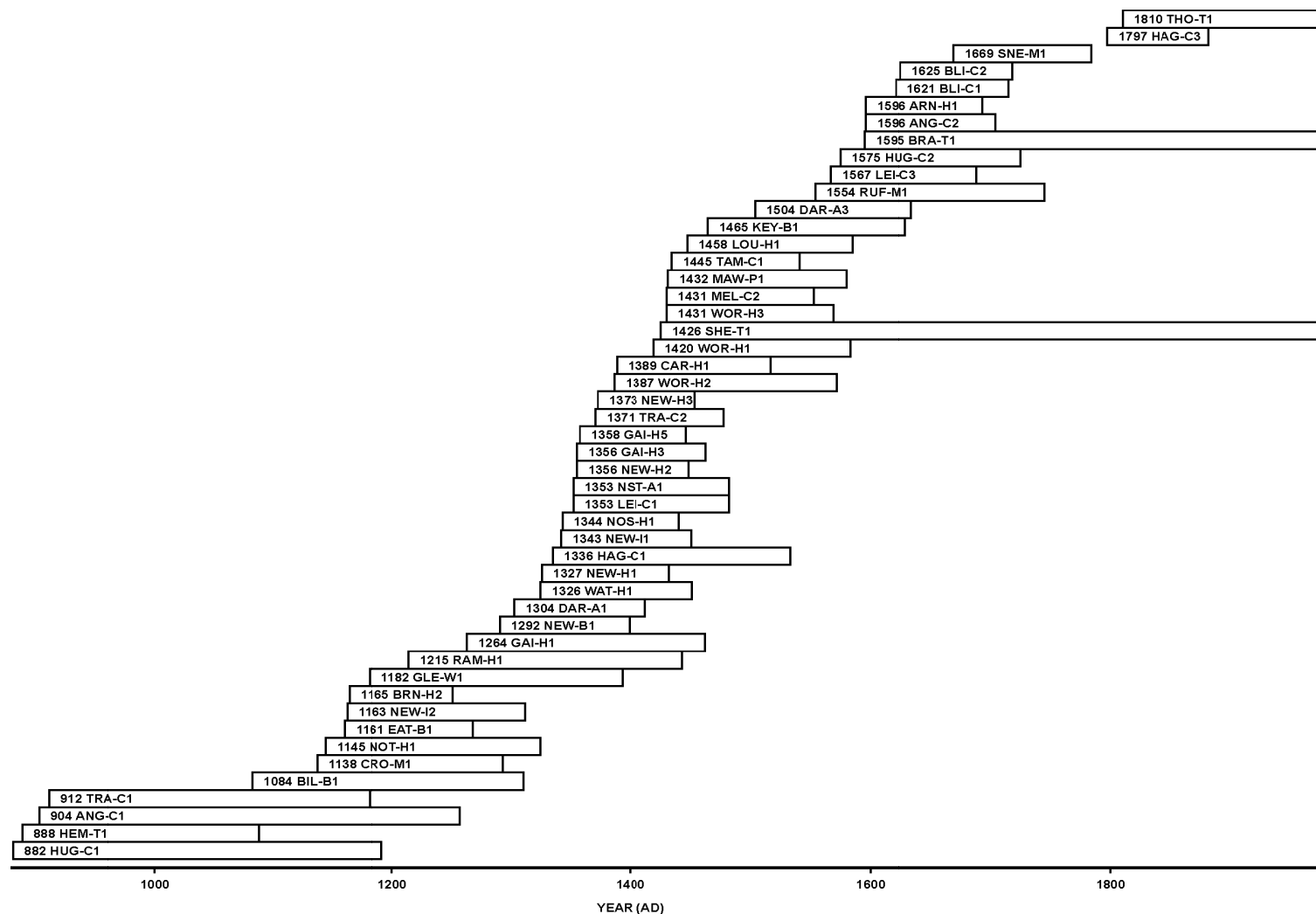
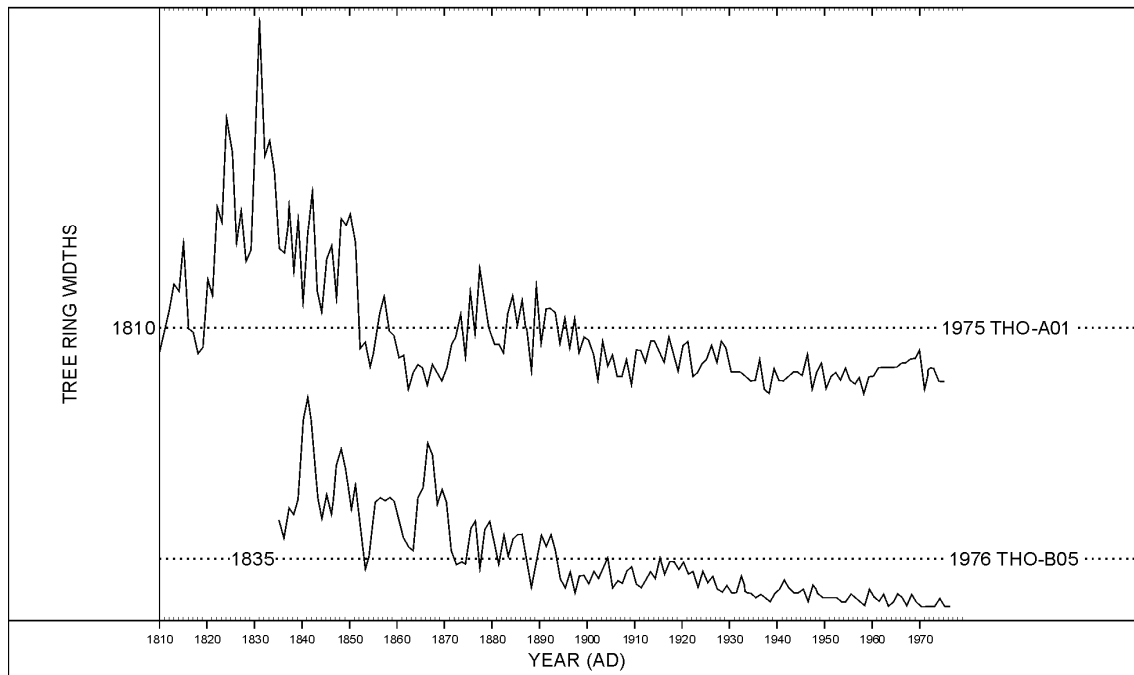
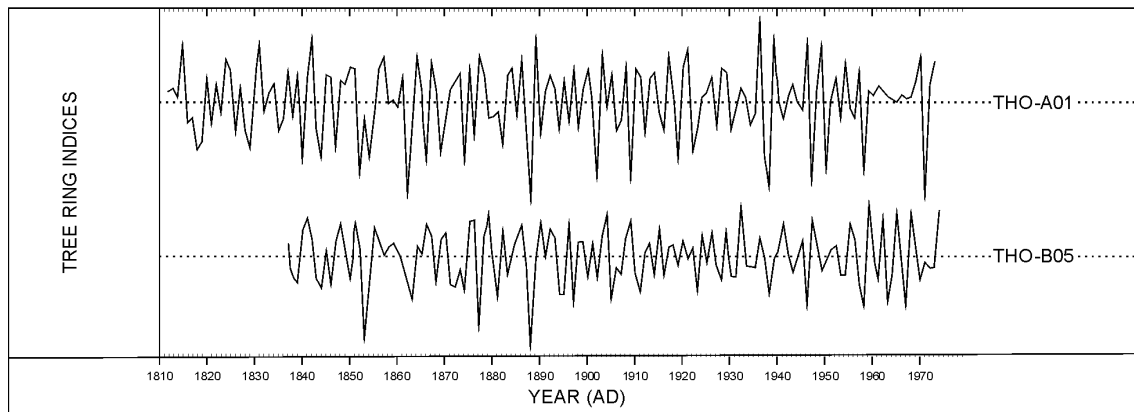


Figure A6: Bar diagram showing the relative positions and dates of the first rings of the component site sequences in the East Midlands Master Dendrochronological Sequence, EM08/87

(a)



(b)



*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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