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SUMMARY

Tree-ring analysis was undertaken on samples from timbers of the East range roof (north and south parts) and floor (south) and from the North range roof, resulting in the construction and dating of a single site sequence. This site sequence contains 36 samples and spans the period AD 1330–1575.

The East range (south) roof is constructed from timbers felled in AD 1491–1514 whilst the North range roof contains timbers felled in AD 1498–1523. The similarity of these felling date ranges means these two structures are broadly coeval, with the possibility that the North range slightly post-dates the East range (south) roof. The floor frame of the East range (south) is now thought to have been constructed in AD 1575, utilising reused timber of the late-fifteenth/early sixteenth century, possibly from the original building, for some of the smaller, common joists. The latest roof is that of the East range (north) where timber has been dated to AD 1575. The dendrochronology has demonstrated that construction of all three parts under investigation, and thus by association the gatehouse, was undertaken over a period of less than 100 years.

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INTRODUCTION

Willimoteswick is located close to the village of Bardon Mill in Tynedale, Northumberland (Figs 1–3; NY 7707 6364). The building is grade I listed and is on the Heritage at Risk register. Additionally, the East range is a Scheduled Ancient Monument. It was the fortified manor of the Ridley family and the birthplace of Bishop Ridley, who was burned at the stake in AD 1555. Little is known as to the origins of the building but documentary evidence clearly indicates its existence by AD 1541 (Graham 1976).

The present farmhouse occupies the site of what appears to have been a double-ended hall with narrow towers at each end of the cross-wings; the east wing and its towers survive, the remainder having been rebuilt *c* AD 1900 in Tudor style. To the north-east is the well-preserved gatehouse with tunnel-vaulted carriageway and corbelled parapet (Fig 4). Adjoining this are the two-storey East range (of two parts) and the single-storey North range (Figs 5 and 6; Grundy *et al* 1976).

It has been suggested that both parts of the East range and the North range, including the gatehouse, were probably built in the century and a half between *c* AD 1500 and AD 1650 (*pers comm* Martin Roberts).

East range (south)

This part of the East range is thought to be earlier than the northern part, based on evidence from the masonry. The roof here consists of four principal-rafter with chamfered tiebeam and collar trusses (Fig 7). The floor frame in this part of the building was thought to potentially be original. It contains several large, main beams which run east-west, into which are jointed a series of smaller, secondary joists (Fig 8).

East range (north)

The northern part of the East range abuts the southern part and appears to be integral with the gatehouse. The roof consists of six substantial principal-rafter with tiebeam and collar trusses, these supporting purlins and common rafters (Fig 9). The roof timbers are larger here than in the southern part of the East range and the construction appears to be of a superior standard. It has been suggested that the gatehouse, and hence the northern part of the East range, dates to the late-sixteenth or early seventeenth century, coinciding with a period of bastle building.

North range

This range runs from the west wall of the gatehouse. Although the wall junction in the north-east corner against the gatehouse suggests it may be contemporary with the

gatehouse, the quality of roof construction is much poorer than that in the impressive East range (north).

Its roof is of five tiebeam and principal-rafter trusses (Fig 10). They rest on a north wall that is clearly earlier than the range at its eastern and western ends. Its southern wall is a much later arched hemmel wall of probably nineteenth-century date. The trusses are numbered from the east though the tiebeam of truss 1 has clearly been renewed in recent times. The construction is clearly ancient, and looks like the East range (south) in the size of its timbers, but compared to that roof, it seems less efficiently built.

SAMPLING

Sampling was requested by Martin Roberts at English Heritage's North-East Regional Office to inform grant-aided repairs and to obtain a better understanding of the chronological development of the building. Although the gatehouse itself does not contain any timber which would allow tree-ring dating to be undertaken, it is thought that the northern section of the East range is integral to it and, therefore, dating this should provide dating evidence for the gatehouse.

In accordance with the brief provided by English Heritage and the Class VI Scheduled Monument Consent attached to this site, a total of 40 timbers was sampled. Each sample was given the code WLM-W (for Willimoteswick) and numbered 01–40. The location of samples was noted at the time of sampling and has been marked on Figures 11–28. Further details relating to the samples can be found in Table 1. Trusses and bays were numbered from north to south (East range) and from east to west (North range). Although the potentially original floor continued along the length of the East range (south), it was not possible to access all parts of the ground floor due to the presence of unwell lambs and, therefore, sampling of these beams was restricted to two ceiling bays only (Fig 12).

ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

At this stage it was noticed that one of the samples from the North range roof (WLM-W35) had too few rings to make secure dating a possibility and so it was rejected prior to measurement. The remaining 39 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 compared with each other by the Litton/Zainodin grouping procedure (see Appendix). At a minimum value of $t=4.5$, 36 samples matched each other.

The data of these 36 samples were combined at the relevant offset positions to form WLMWSQ01, a site sequence of 246 rings (Fig 29). This site sequence was compared against a series of relevant reference chronologies for oak where it was found to match consistently and securely at a first-ring date of AD 1330 and a last-measured ring date of AD 1575. The evidence for this dating is given in Table 2.

Attempts to date the remaining ungrouped three samples by individually comparing them against the reference chronologies were unsuccessful and these remain undated.

INTERPRETATION

Analysis of samples taken from timbers at this site has resulted in the construction and dating of a single site sequence. Site sequence WLMWSQ01 contains 36 samples, from all areas under investigation, and spans the period AD 1330–1575. For the purpose of clarity, each group of timbers have been dealt with separately according to area and structure (Fig 30).

East range (south)

Roof

Seven of the samples taken from this roof have been successfully dated. Five of these have the heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date, which in all cases is similar and suggestive of a single felling. The average heartwood/sapwood boundary ring is AD 1474, allowing an estimated felling date to be calculated for the five timbers represented to within the range AD 1491–1514. This allows for sample WLM-W14 to have a last-measured ring of AD 1490 with incomplete sapwood. The last two roof samples do not have the heartwood/sapwood boundary ring and, therefore, an estimated felling date cannot be calculated for them, except to say that this would be estimated to be after AD 1459 (WLM-W13) and after AD 1462 (WLM-W19) at the earliest, *termini post quem* which do not preclude these samples from also having been felled in AD 1491–1514.

Floor

Eight of the samples taken from the timbers of the floor structure in this part of the building have also been dated. This dating clearly demonstrates that two separate fellings are represented within the timbers, with the joists being earlier than the main beams.

Sample WLM-W26, taken from a joist, has complete sapwood and the last-measured ring date of AD 1496, the felling date of the timber represented. Four further joists have the heartwood/sapwood boundary ring; in the case of three of these, this is broadly contemporary and suggestive of a single felling. The average of these heartwood/sapwood boundary ring dates is AD 1471, allowing an estimated felling date to be calculated for the three timbers represented to within the range AD 1486–1511, consistent with a felling of AD 1496. The fourth sample has the earlier heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date of AD 1456, calculating to an estimated felling date range of AD 1471–96, again just consistent with a felling of AD 1496. Support for the contemporary felling of WLM-W28 with the rest of the joists is given by the overall level of crossmatching seen between this sample and the other joists. Therefore, although

the timber represented might feasibly be felled earlier it seems more likely that it simply has a relatively large number of sapwood rings.

Three of the samples taking from the main beams also have complete sapwood. Two of these, (WLM-W22 and WLM-W23) have the last-measured ring date of AD 1574. When these two samples are looked at under the microscope the spring growth cells, but no summer growth cells, of the following year can be seen, demonstrating that the two timbers represented were felled in summer AD 1575. The fourth sample with complete sapwood, WLM-W21, has the last-measured ring date of AD 1575 and was felled in winter AD 1575. Thus, it can be seen that felling of the timbers utilised may have occurred over a period of several months.

East range (north)

Eleven of the samples from the roof here have been dated. Three of these have complete sapwood and the last-measured ring date of AD 1574. When these three samples are looked at under the microscope the spring growth cells, but no summer growth cells, of the following year can be seen. This means that the three timbers represented were felled in the summer of AD 1575. A further five of the dated samples from this roof have the heartwood/sapwood boundary. In the case of four of these, this is broadly contemporary and, therefore, suggestive of a single felling. The average heartwood/sapwood boundary ring of these four samples is AD 1540, allowing an estimated felling date to be calculated for the four timbers represented to within the range AD 1555–80, consistent with these timbers also having been felled in AD 1575. Sample WLM-W01 has the slightly earlier heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date of AD 1527, which allows an estimated felling date range to be calculated for the timber of AD 1542–67. In the same way as for WLM-W28 above, it is possible that WLM-W01 is a slightly earlier timber or more likely that it is one of the 5% of mature oak trees with sapwood numbers outside the average. The final three dated samples from this roof do not have the heartwood/sapwood boundary, but all have last measured heartwood ring dates which do not preclude them from having been felled in AD 1542–67 or AD 1575.

North range

Ten of the samples from this part of the building have been successfully dated. Eight of these have the heartwood/sapwood boundary ring, which in all cases is broadly contemporary and suggestive of a single felling. The average heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date for these eight samples is AD 1483, which allows an estimated felling date to be calculated for the eight timbers represented to within the range AD 1498–1523. The two samples without the heartwood/sapwood boundary both have last heartwood ring dates in the mid-fifteenth century, which makes it possible that they were also felled in AD 1498–1523.

All felling date ranges have been calculated using the estimate that 95% of mature oak trees in this region have between 15 and 40 sapwood rings.

Discussion

Prior to the tree-ring dating being undertaken it was thought that the earliest, surviving timbers would be in the East range (south). Structural analysis had suggested that the East range (north) was likely to be contemporary with the gatehouse. There had been the suggestion that the North range might also be of the same date as the gatehouse. However, with the roof here being stylistically quite similar to that of the East range (south), this was more uncertain.

As expected, the earliest timbers have been found in the East range (south), but also in the North range. The roof of the East range (south) is now known to have been constructed from timbers felled in AD 1491–1514, whilst the North range contains timber which was felled in AD 1498–1523. These felling date ranges are very similar and suggest that these ranges are at least broadly coeval. It had already been noted that these two roofs were similar in appearance and so perhaps this is unsurprising. It is possible that construction of the East range (south) slightly predates that of the North range, as it can be seen that the heartwood/sapwood boundary ring dates of the former's timbers are generally earlier than those of the latter. However, this may simply be due to the timbers of the North range roof have fewer sapwood rings than those of the East range (south) roof.

At least one of the common joists of the floor frame within the East range (south) has been dated to AD 1496, with several others having felling date ranges also consistent with this felling. Other, larger, main joists from this floor structure have been dated to AD 1575. It seems likely that this floor structure dates to AD 1575 but, despite no evidence for reuse or resetting noted at the time of sampling, also incorporates reused timber of the late-fifteenth century. It is perhaps understandable that trees would be cut for the large, main beams, whereas reused timbers could be cut down to form common joists. The similarity in dates gained for the common joists and the roof timbers of this range makes it possible that these timbers were cut as part of the same felling activity. It should be noted that, due to issues with access, this dating only relates to two ceiling bays, although there is no reason to think the rest of the floor structure would produce different results.

The latest roof is that of the East range (north). Here timber has been dated to AD 1575, with construction thought likely to have occurred shortly after. It appears that at the same time this roof was being erected, modifications were being undertaken to the southern part of this building involving the insertion of a new/replacement floor frame. By association it is now possible to give the gatehouse a likely construction date of AD 1575, and also to dismiss the suggestion that the North range is contemporary with it.

Construction of the three parts under investigation and the gatehouse is likely to have occurred over a period of about 80 years, rather than the 150 years previously postulated.

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Table 1: Details of tree-ring samples from Willimoteswick, Bardon Mill, Northumberland

Sample number	Sample location	Total rings*	Sapwood rings**	First measured ring date (AD)	Last heartwood ring date (AD)	Last measured ring date (AD)
East range (north) roof						
WLM-W01	East principal rafter, truss 1	116	h/s	1412	1527	1527
WLM-W02	Tiebeam, truss 1	84	h/s	----	----	----
WLM-W03	East principal rafter, truss 3	116	--	1361	----	1476
WLM-W04	Tiebeam, truss 3	70	29C	1505	1545	1574
WLM-W05	Tiebeam, truss 4	189	01	1358	1545	1546
WLM-W06	Collar, truss 4	139	09	1410	1539	1548
WLM-W07	West principal rafter, truss 5	93	03	1449	1538	1541
WLM-W08	Tiebeam, truss 5	117	--	1379	----	1495
WLM-W09	West principal rafter, truss 6	145	25C	1430	1549	1574
WLM-W10	Collar, truss 6	152	h/s	1386	1537	1537
WLM-W11	Tiebeam, truss 2	114	--	1429	----	1542
WLM-W12	West lower purlin, truss 1-2	69	29C	1506	1545	1574
East range (south) roof						
WLM-W13	West principal rafter, truss 9	80	--	1365	----	1444
WLM-W14	Tiebeam, truss 9	107	14	1384	1476	1490
WLM-W15	West principal rafter, truss 7	135	h/s	1336	1470	1470
WLM-W16	Tiebeam, truss 7	113	h/s	1366	1478	1478
WLM-W17	West principal rafter, truss 8	134	h/s	1338	1471	1471
WLM-W18	Tiebeam, truss 8	92	h/s	1382	1473	1473
WLM-W19	West principal rafter, truss 10	96	--	1352	----	1447
WLM-W20	Tiebeam, truss 10	80	11C	----	----	----
East range (south) floor						
WLM-W21	Main beam 3	131	29C	1445	1546	1575
WLM-W22	Main beam 4	123	22C	1452	1552	1574
WLM-W23	Main beam 5	84	32C	1491	1542	1574

WLM-W24	Joist 4, beam 3-4	81	h/s	1390	1470	1470
WLM-W25	Joist 13, beam 3-4	106	h/s	1368	1473	1473
WLM-W26	Joist 15, beam 3-4	83	20C	1414	1476	1496
WLM-W27	Joist 8, beam 4-5	121	h/s	1349	1469	1469
WLM-W28	Joist 12, beam 4-5	53	h/s	1404	1456	1456
North range; roof						
WLM-W29	Collar, truss 1	107	h/s	1378	1484	1484
WLM-W30	Tiebeam, truss 2	118	--	----	----	----
WLM-W31	North principal rafter, truss 2	58	h/s	1433	1490	1490
WLM-W32	Collar, truss 2	133	h/s	1346	1478	1478
WLM-W33	Collar, truss 3	122	--	1331	----	1452
WLM-W34	Tiebeam, truss 4	163	h/s	1330	1492	1492
WLM-W35	North principal rafter, truss 4	NM	--	----	----	----
WLM-W36	Tiebeam, truss 5	125	h/s	1350	1474	1474
WLM-W37	South principal rafter, truss 5	116	h/s	1363	1478	1478
WLM-W38	Collar, truss 5	82	h/s	1405	1486	1486
WLM-W39	South upper purlin, truss 1-2	143	h/s	1343	1485	1485
WLM-W40	North lower purlin, truss 2-3	109	--	1360	----	1468

*NM = not measured

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

C = complete sapwood retained on core.

Table 2: Results of the cross-matching of site sequence WLMWSQ01 and relevant reference chronologies when the first-ring date is AD 1330 and the last-ring date is AD 1575

Reference chronology	t-value	Span of chronology	Reference
Moot Hall, Hexham	11.6	AD 1341–1539	Arnold <i>et al</i> 2004
Tunstall Hall Farm, Hartlepool	9.1	AD 1316–1484	Howard <i>et al</i> 2002
Low Harperley Farmhouse, Wolsingham, County Durham	8.9	AD 1356–1604	Arnold <i>et al</i> 2006
Unthank Hall, Stanhope, Co Durham	8.5	AD 1386–1592	Howard <i>et al</i> 2001
Aydon Castle (latrine block), Aydon, Northumberland	8.4	AD 1406–1545	Arnold <i>et al</i> 2002
35 The Close, Newcastle upon Tyne	7.9	AD 1365–1513	Howard <i>et al</i> 1991
1–2 The College, Cathedral Precinct, Durham	7.7	AD 1364–1531	Howard <i>et al</i> 1992



Figure 1: Map to show the general location of Willmotswick

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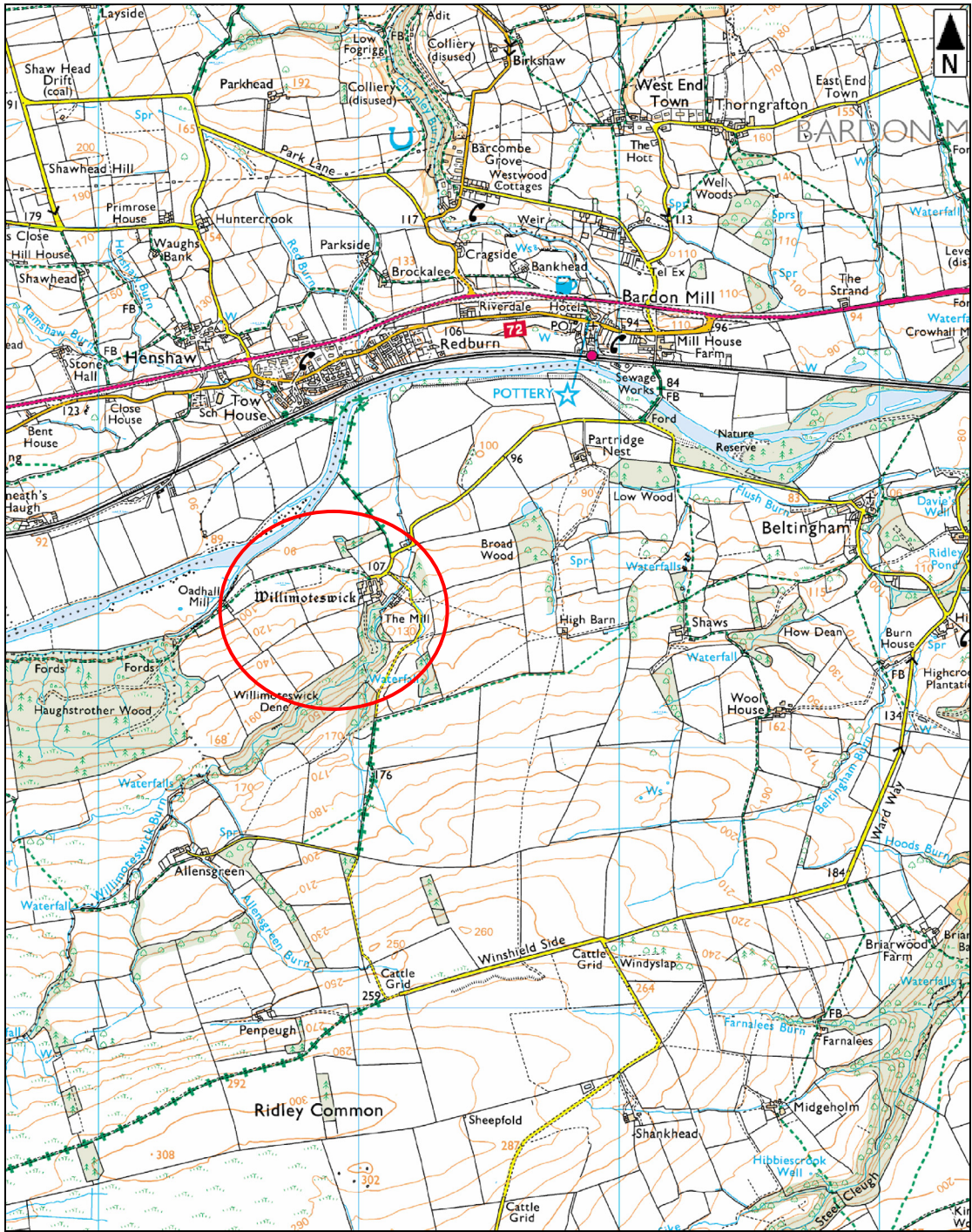


Figure 2: Map to show the location of Willimoteswick

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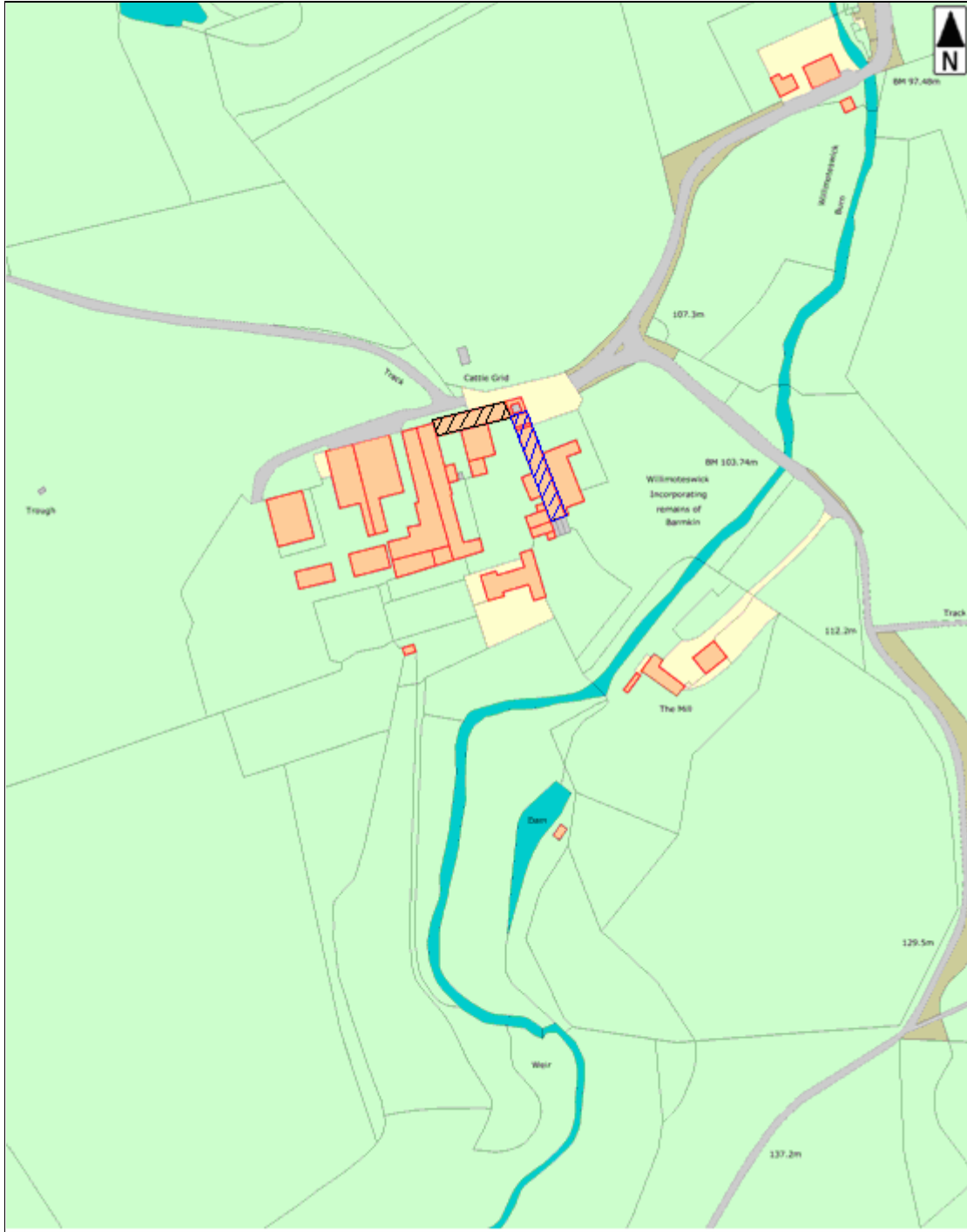


Figure 3: Site map showing Willimoteswick; North range hashed in black and East range hashed in blue

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Figure 4: The gatehouse; taken from the south-west



Figure 5: East range; taken from the north-west



Figure 6: North range; taken from the south-east



Figure 7: East range (south); truss 10



Figure 8: East range (south); ground-floor ceiling



Figure 9: East range (north); truss 3 in foreground



Figure 10: North range; truss 4

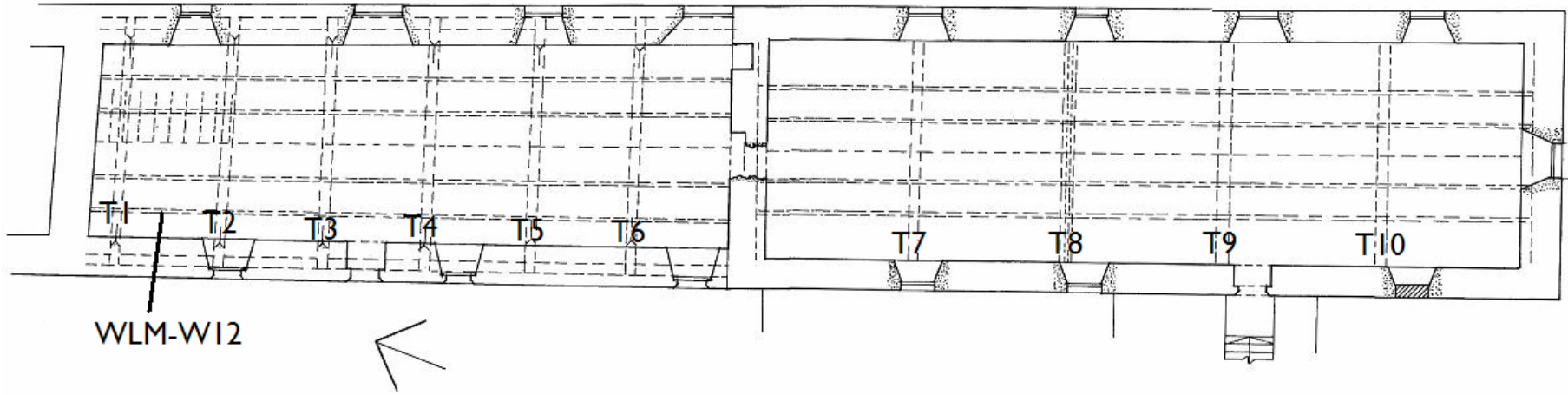


Figure 11: East range; roof plan, showing truss numbering and the location of sample WLM-W12

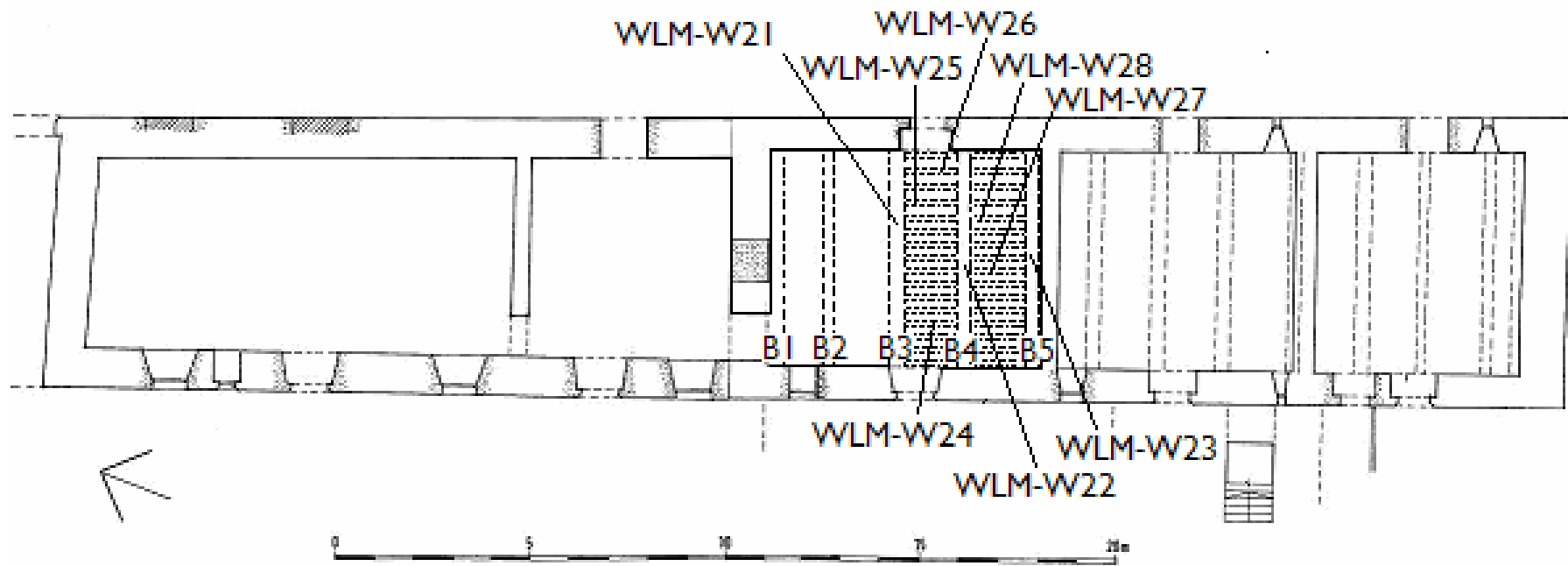
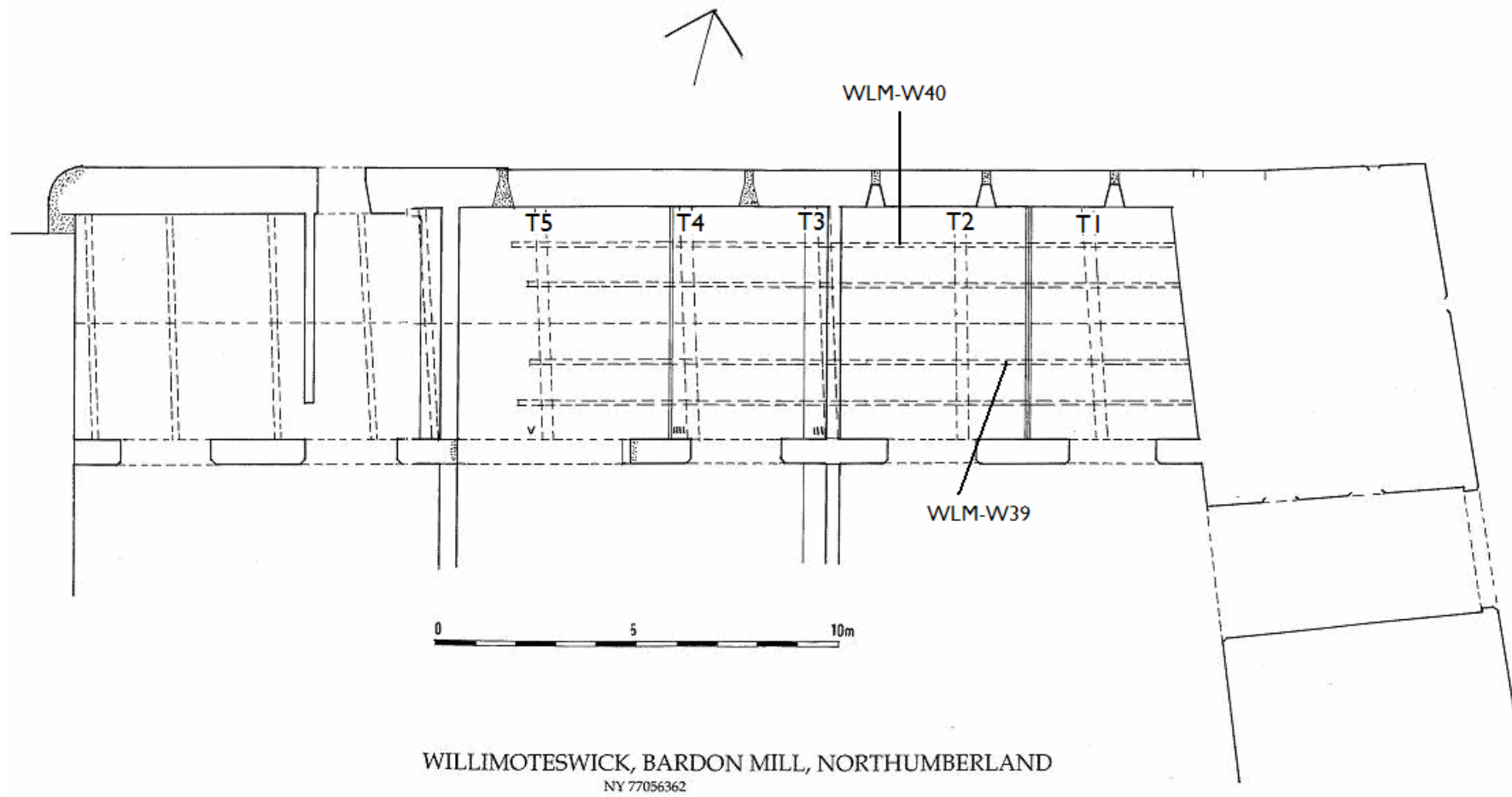


Figure 12: East range; ground-floor ceiling plan, showing the location of samples WLM-W21–8



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Figure 13: North range roof plan, showing the location of samples WLM-W39 and WLM-W40

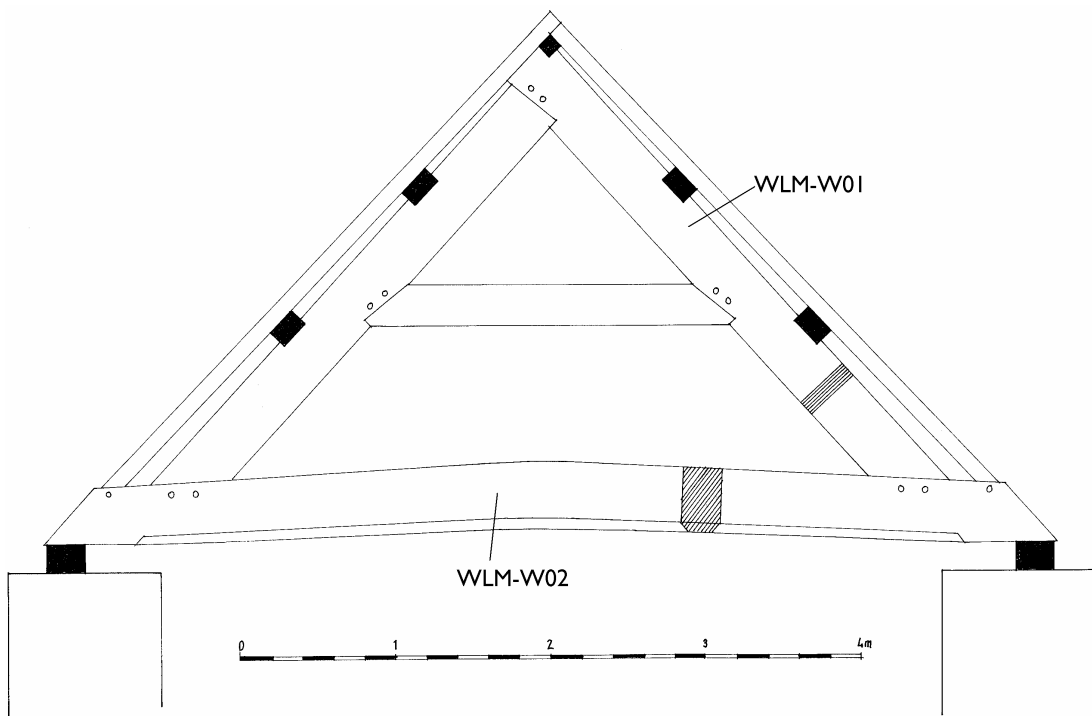


Figure 14: East range (north), truss 1 (south face), showing the location of samples WLM-W01 and WLM-W02

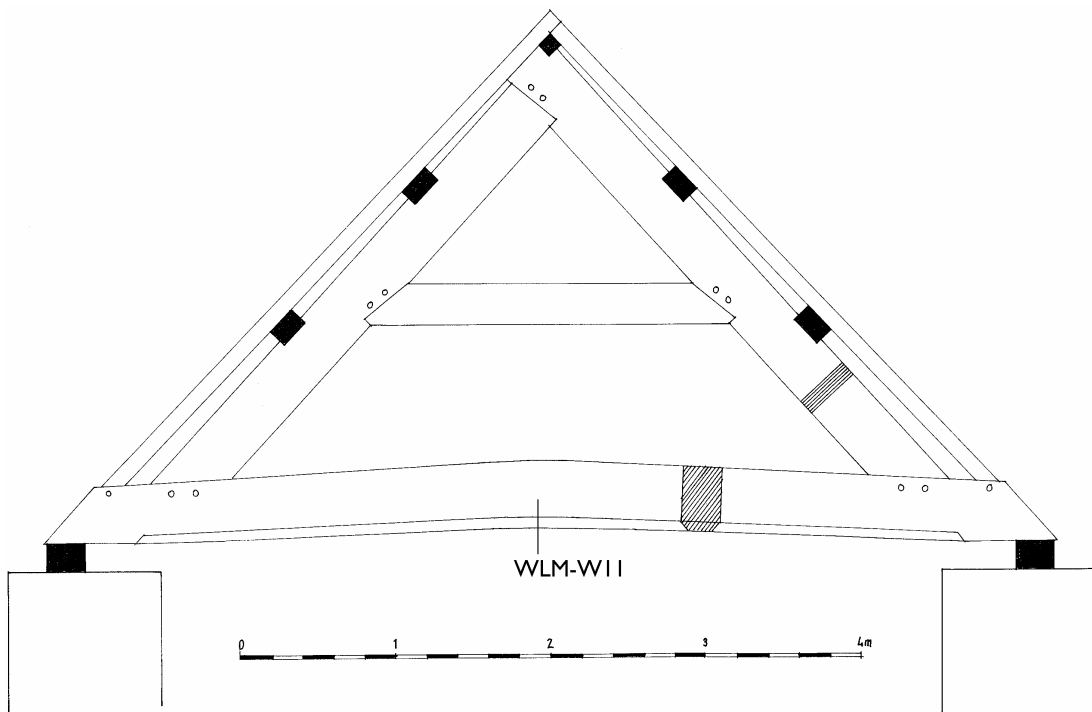


Figure 15: East range (north), truss 2 (south face), showing the location of sample WLM-W11

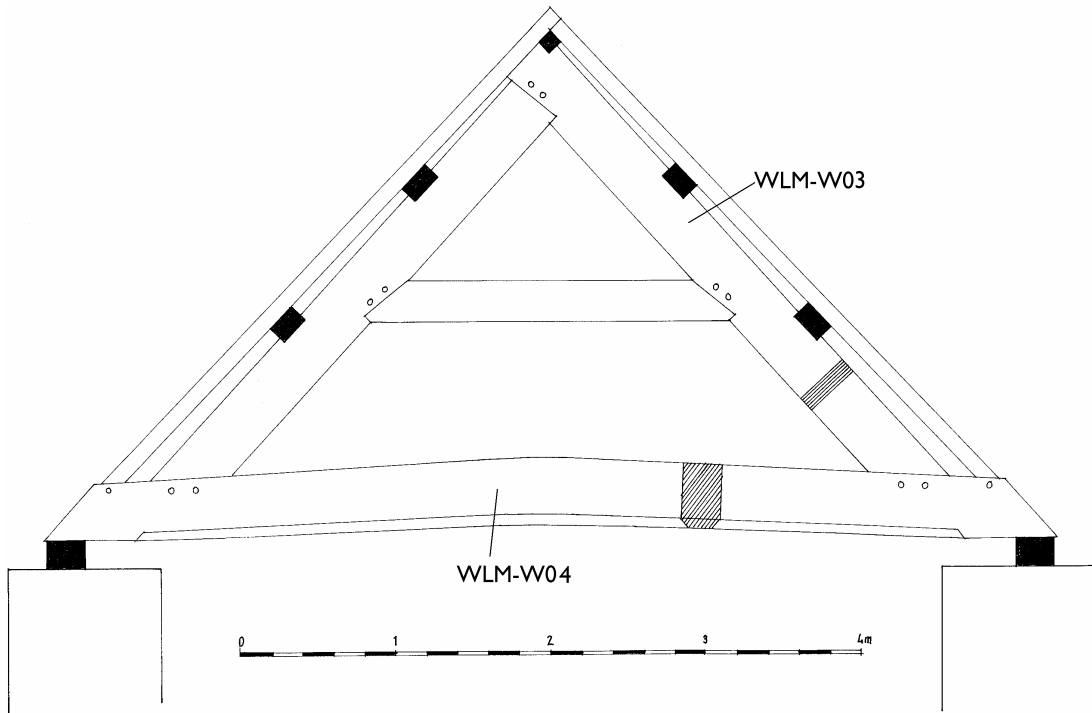


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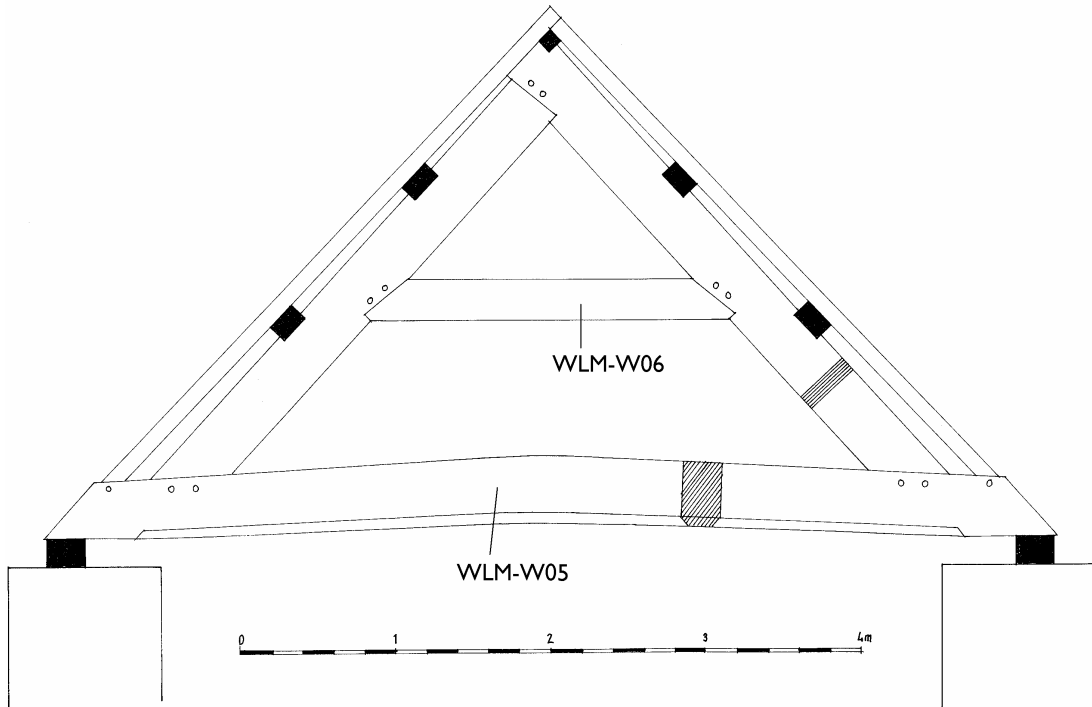


Figure 17: East range (north), truss 4 (south face), showing the location of samples WLM-W05 and WLM-W06

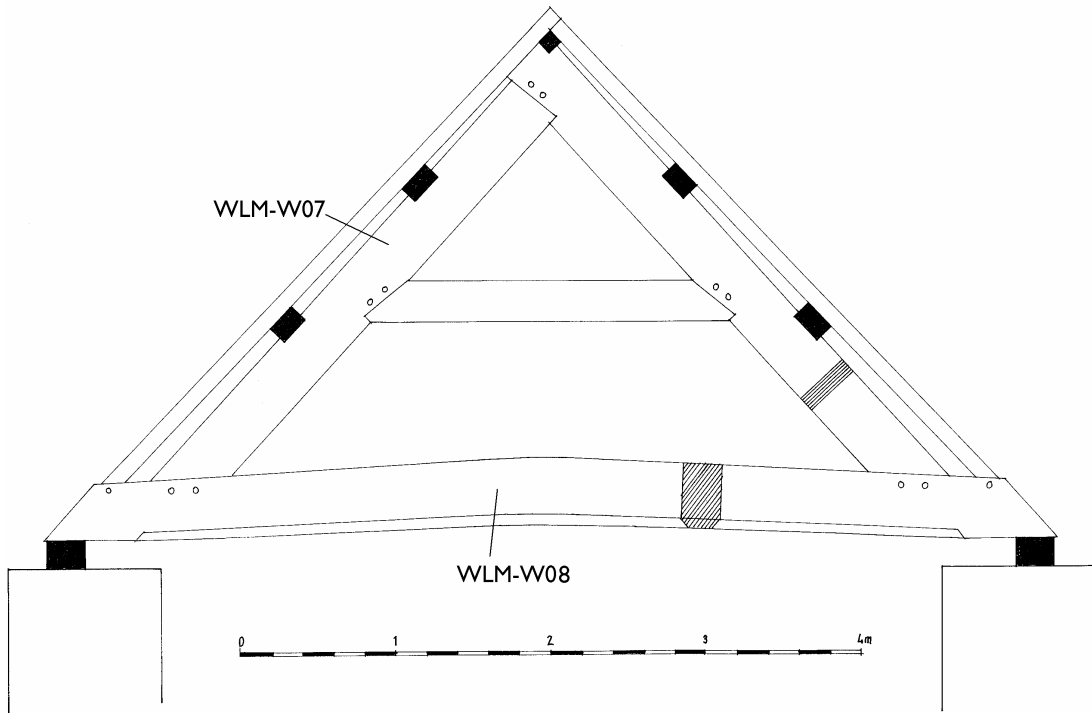


Figure 18: East range (north), truss 5 (south face), showing the location of samples WLM-W07 and WLM-W08

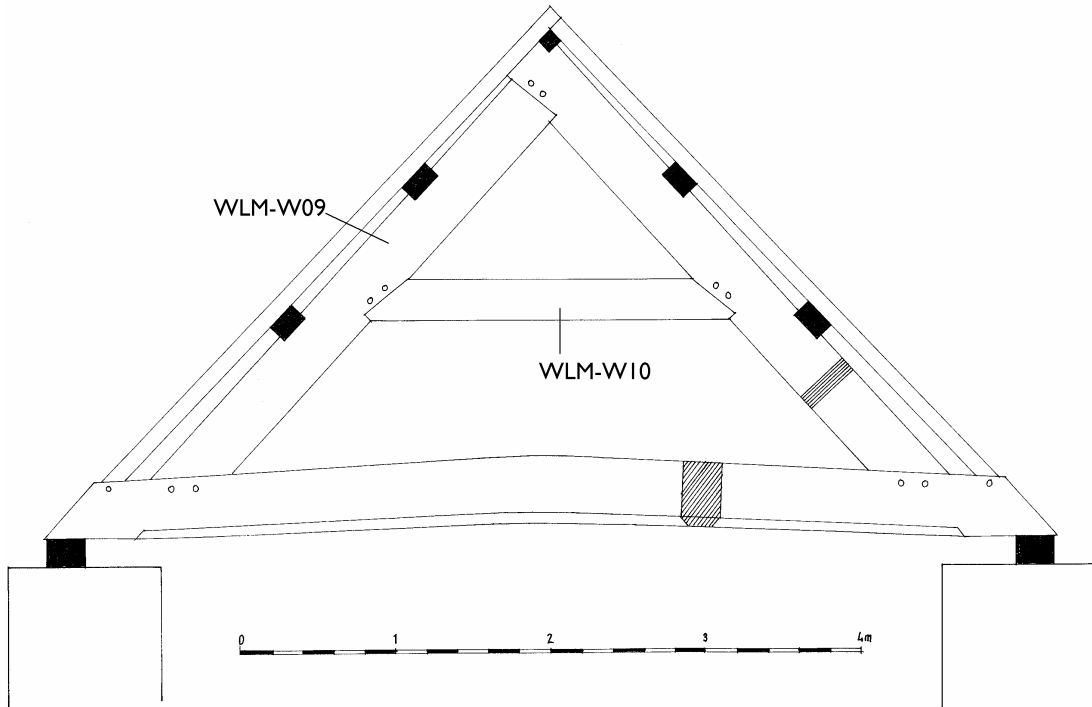


Figure 19: East range (north), truss 6 (south face), showing the location of samples WLM-W09 and WLM-W10

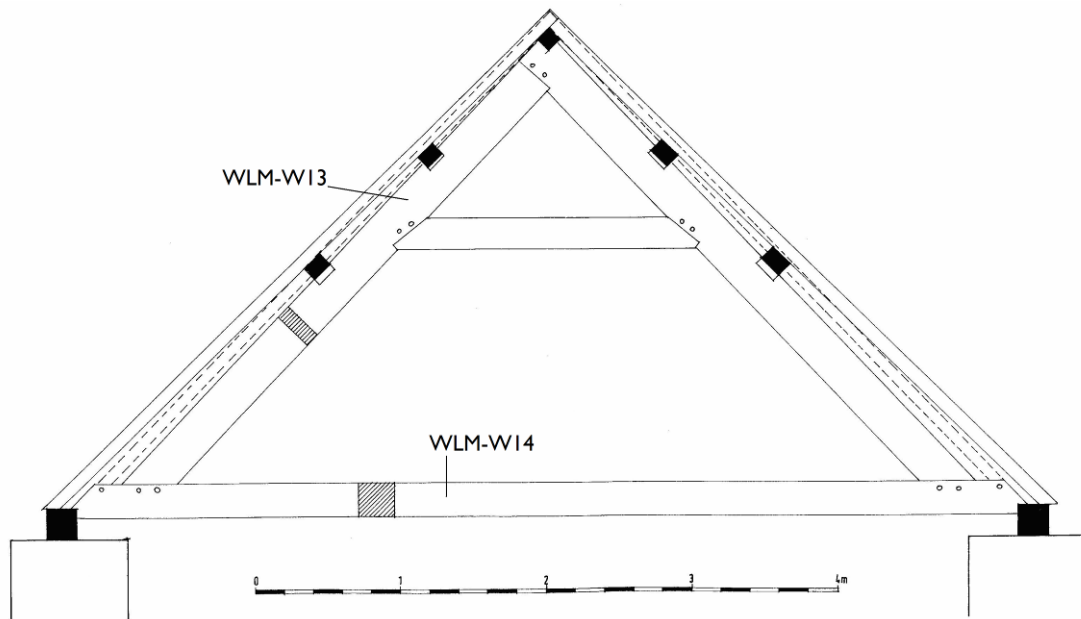


Figure 20: East range (south), truss 9 (south face), showing the location of samples WLM-W13 and WLM-W14

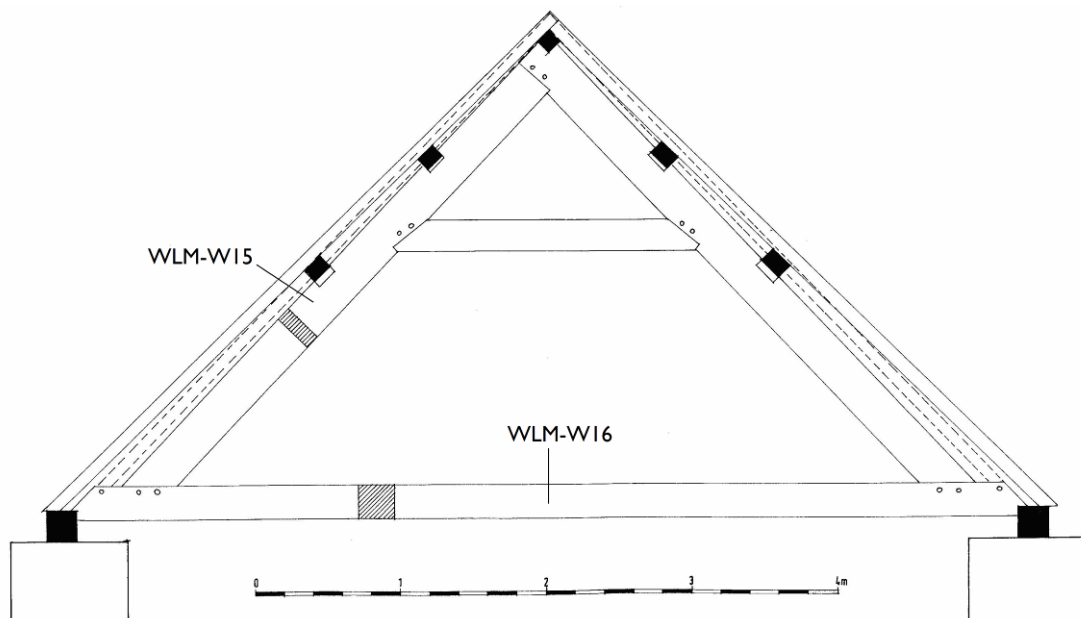


Figure 21: East range (south), truss 7 (south face), showing the location of samples WLM-W15 and WLM-W16

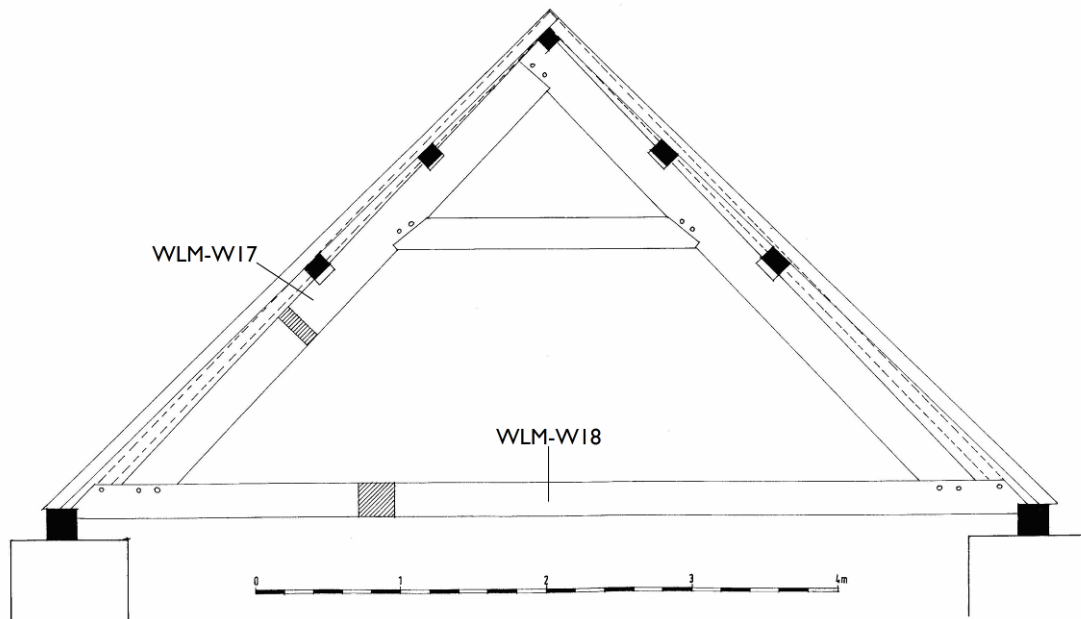


Figure 22: East range (south), truss 8 (south face), showing the location of samples WLM-W17 and WLM-W18

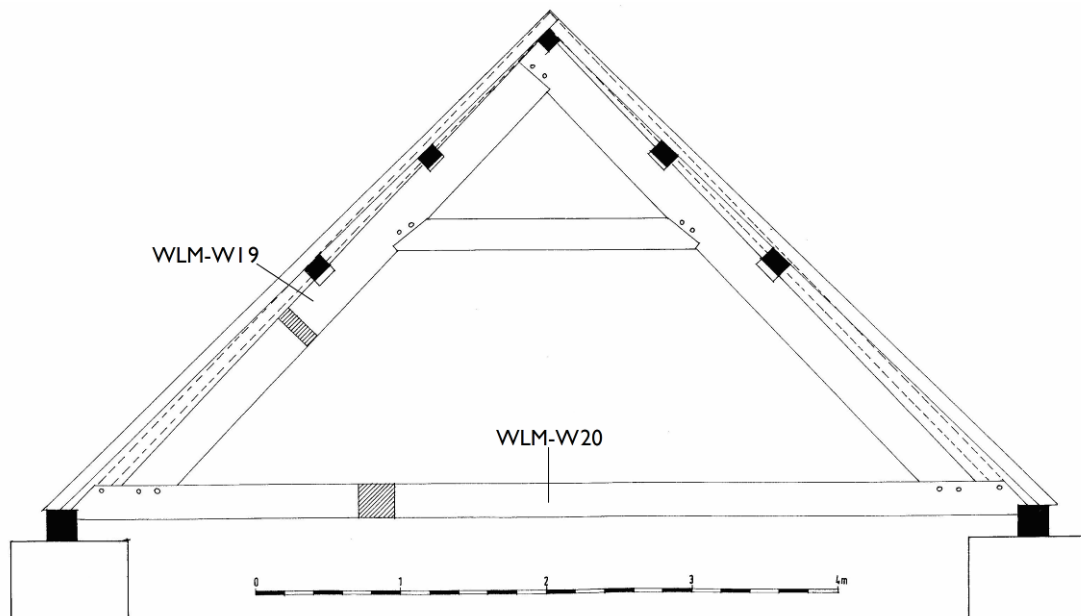


Figure 23: East range (south) (south face), truss 10, showing the location of samples WLM-W19 and WLM-W20

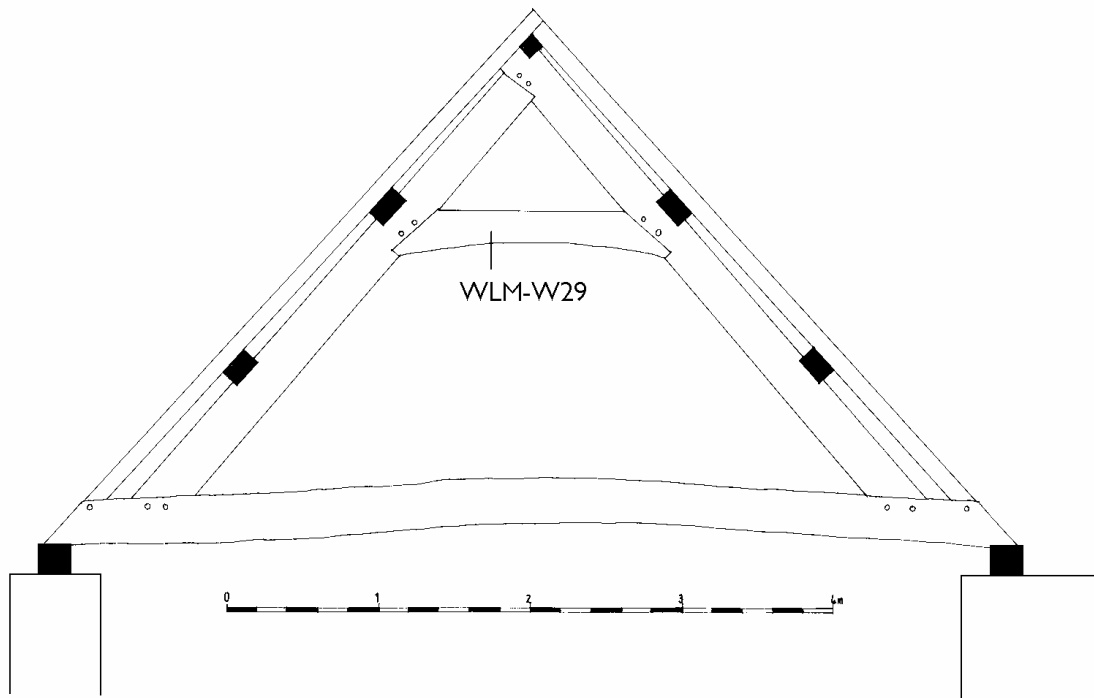


Figure 24: North range, truss 1 (east face), showing the location of sample WLM-W29

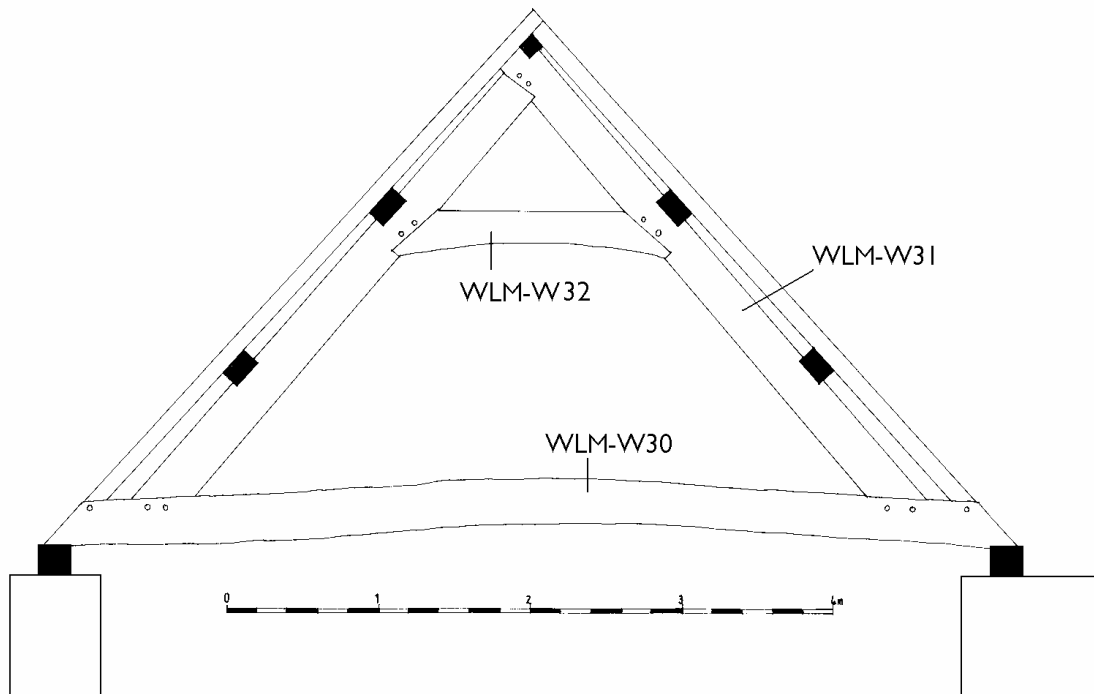


Figure 25: North range, truss 2 (east face), showing the location of samples WLM-W30–2

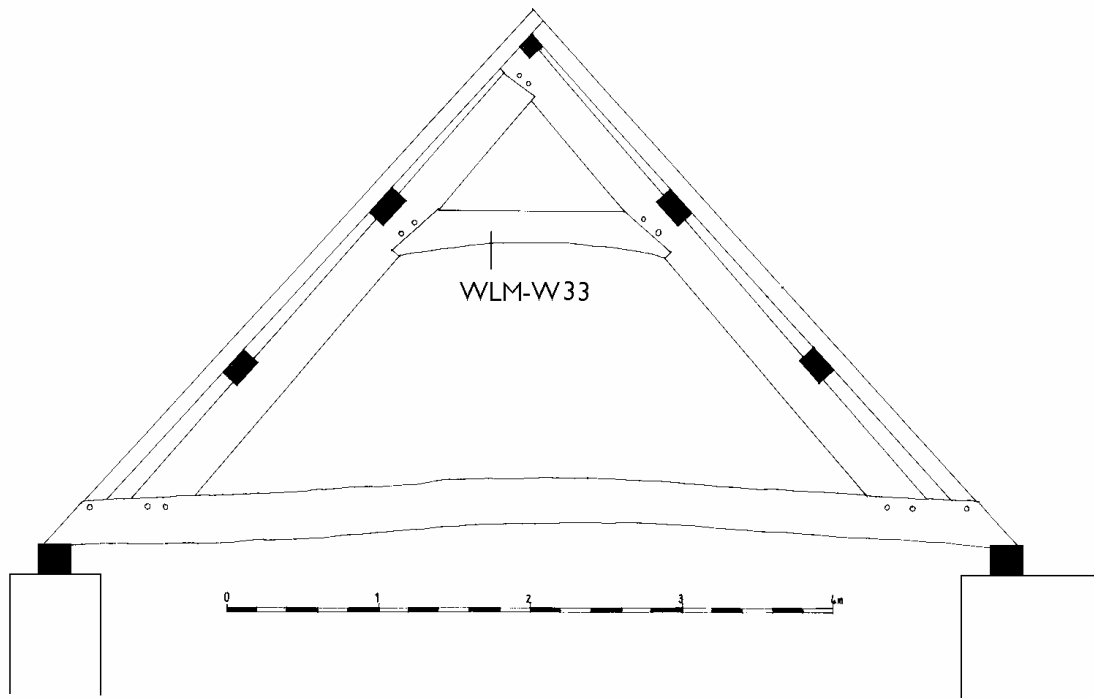


Figure 26: North range, truss 3 (east face); showing the location of sample WLM-W33

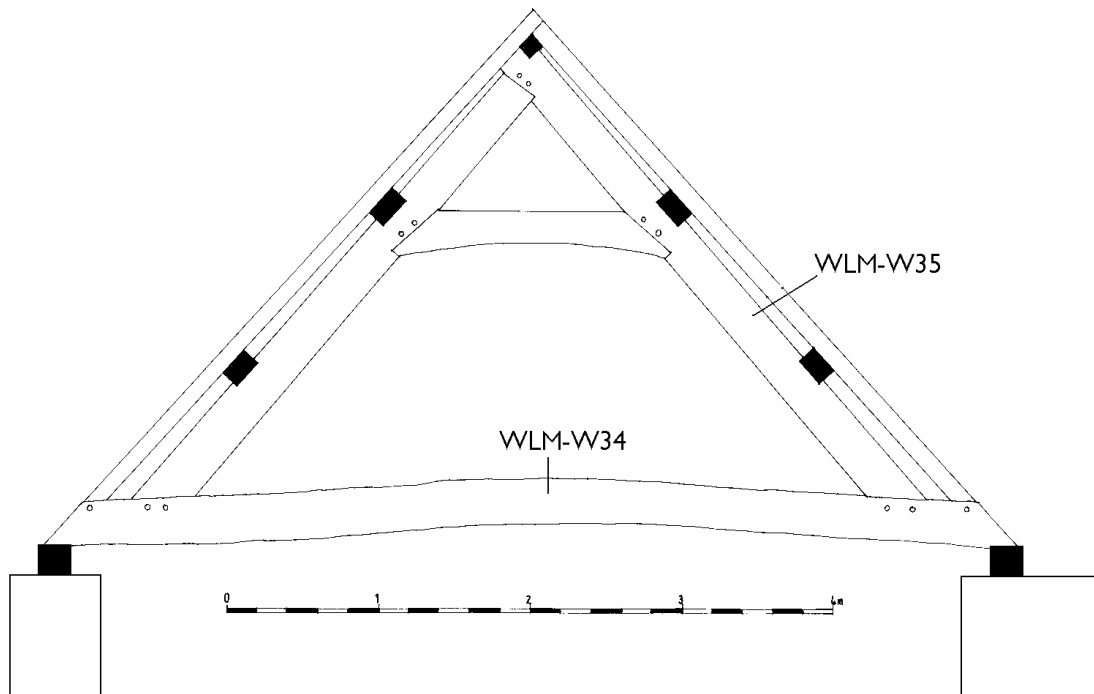


Figure 27: North range; truss 4 (east face), showing the location of samples WLM-W34 and WLM-W35

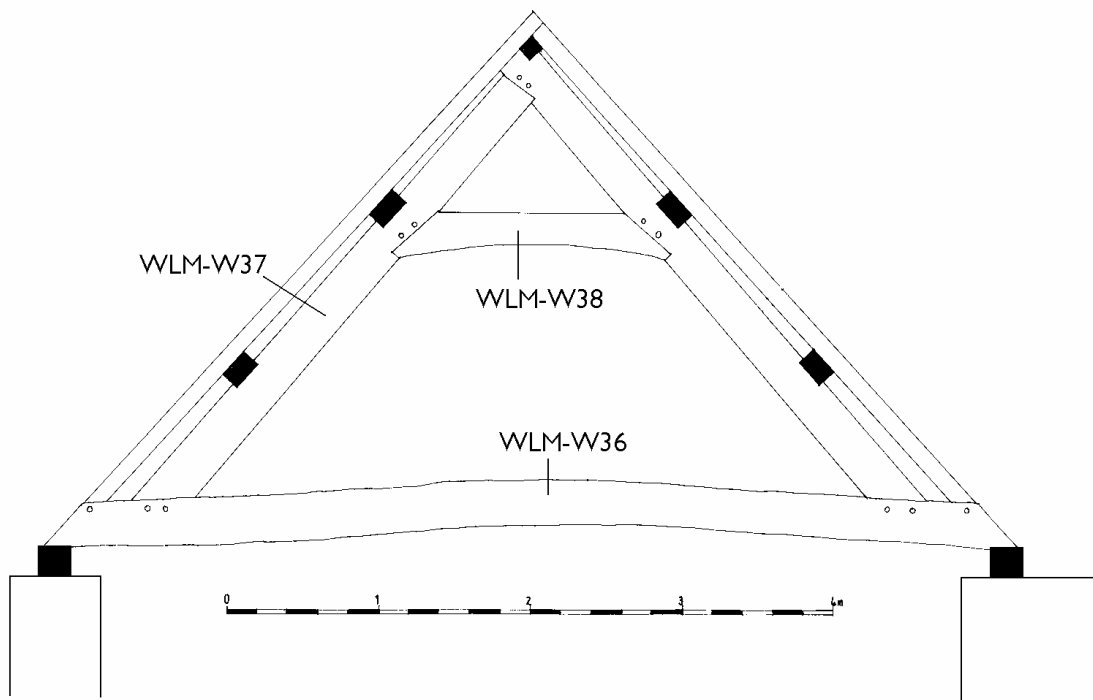


Figure 28: North range; truss 5 (east face), showing the location of samples WLM-W36–8

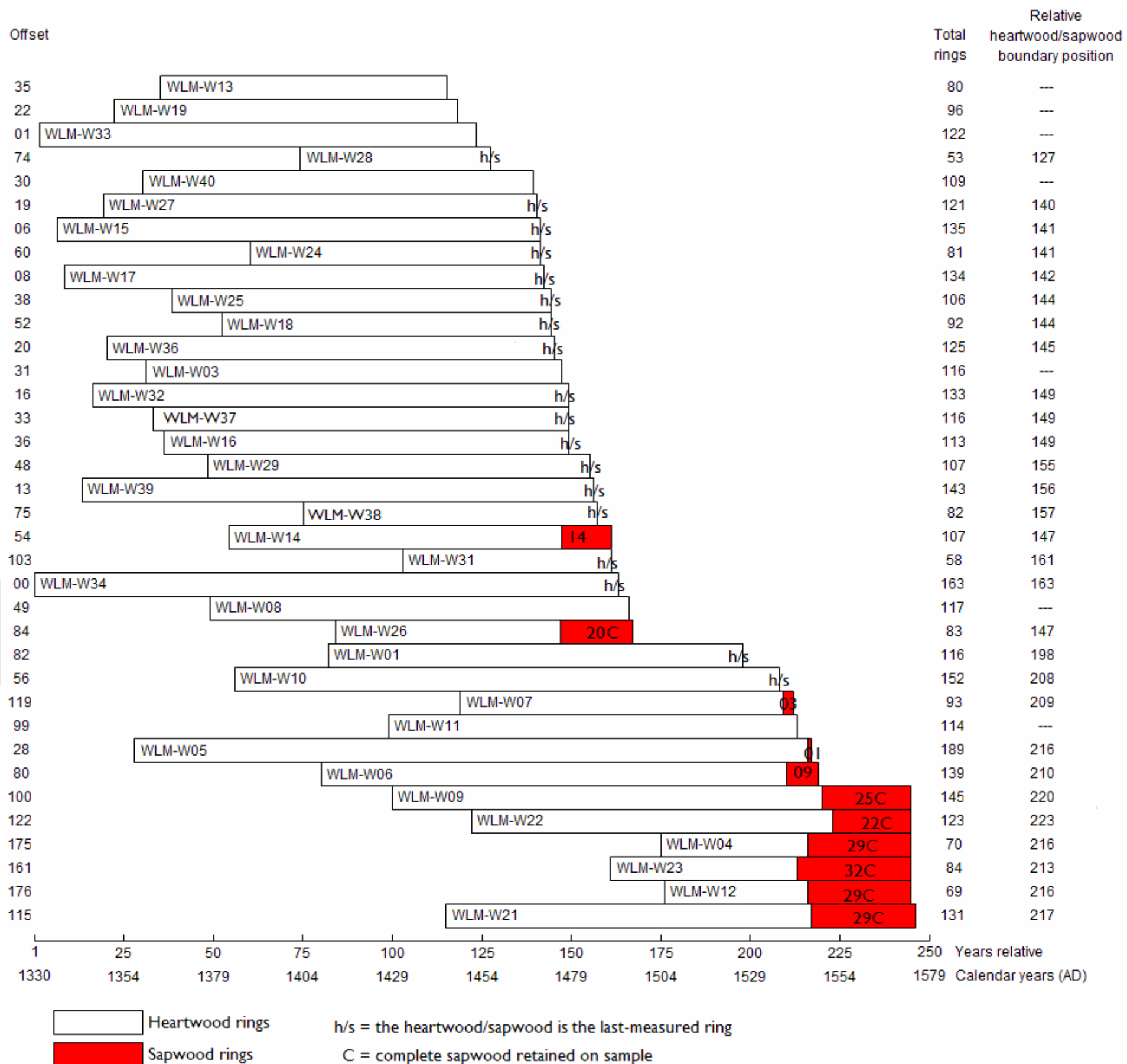


Figure 29: Bar diagram of samples in site sequence WLMWSQ01

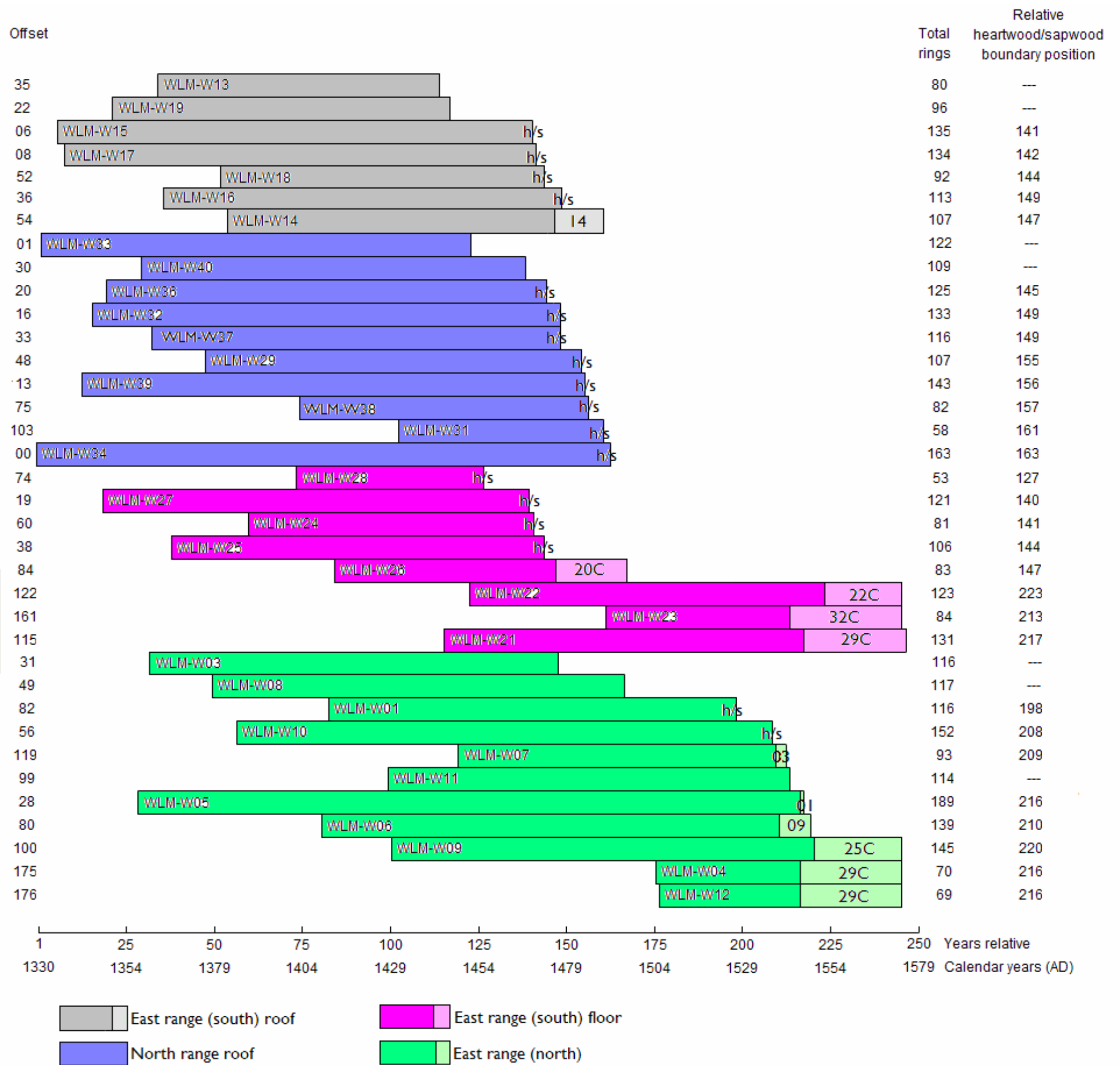


Figure 30: Bar diagram of samples in site sequence WLMWSQ01, sorted by area

DATA OF MEASURED SAMPLES

Measurements in 0.01mm units

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WLM-W01B 116

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154 151 124 77

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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 1988). 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

I. 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 35 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.

t-value/offset Matrix

	C45	C08	C05	C04
C45		+20	+37	+47
C08	5.6		+17	+27
C05	5.2	10.4		+10
C04	5.9	3.7	5.1	

Bar Diagram

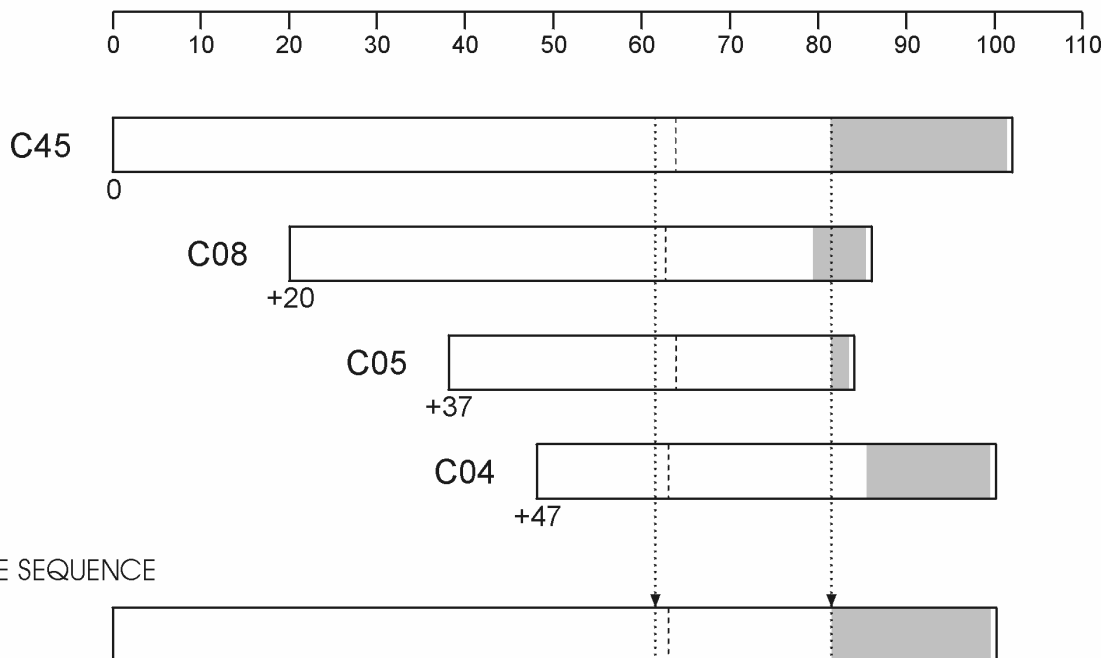


Figure A5: Cross-matching of four sequences from a Lincoln Cathedral roof and the formation of a site sequence from them

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

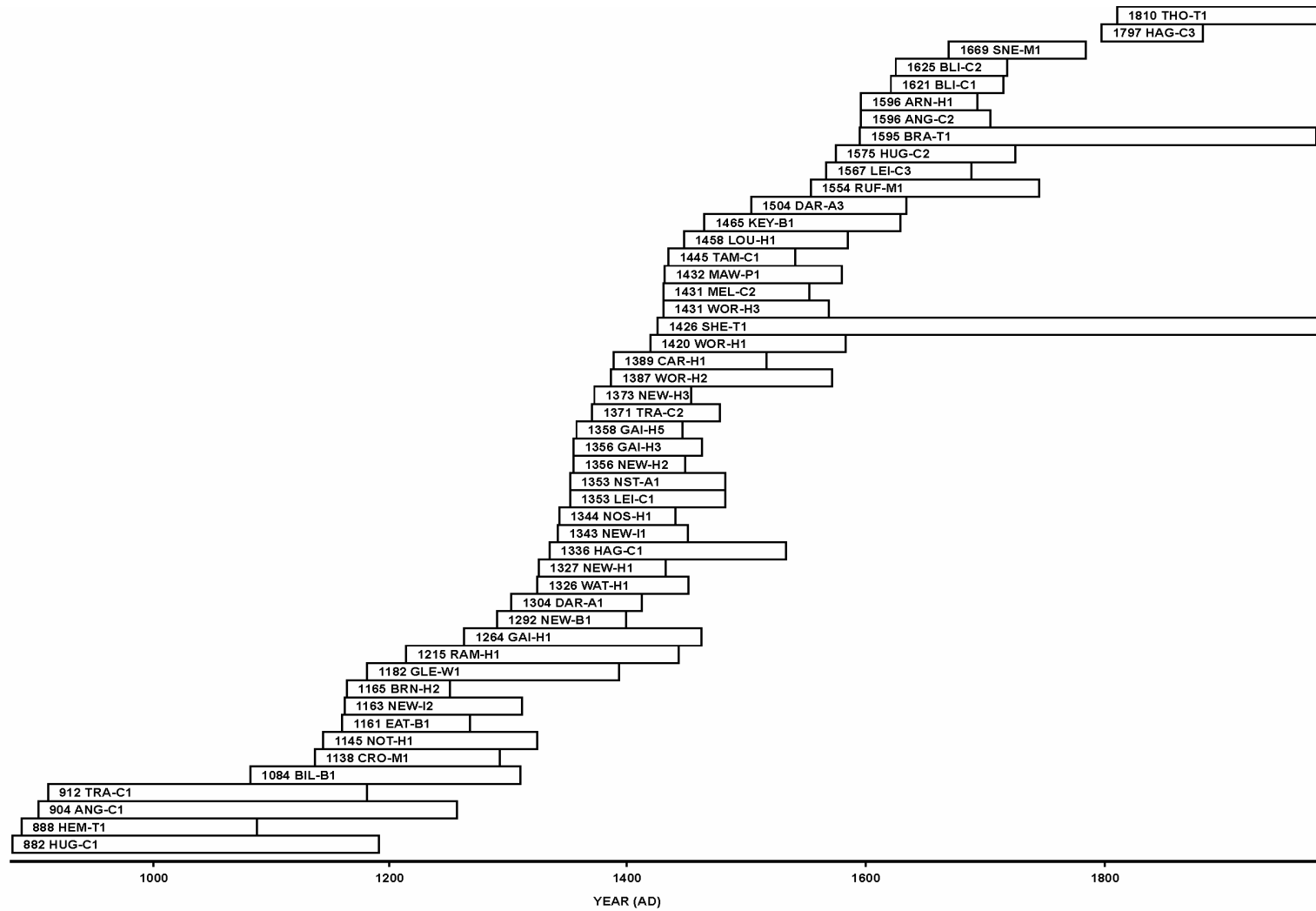
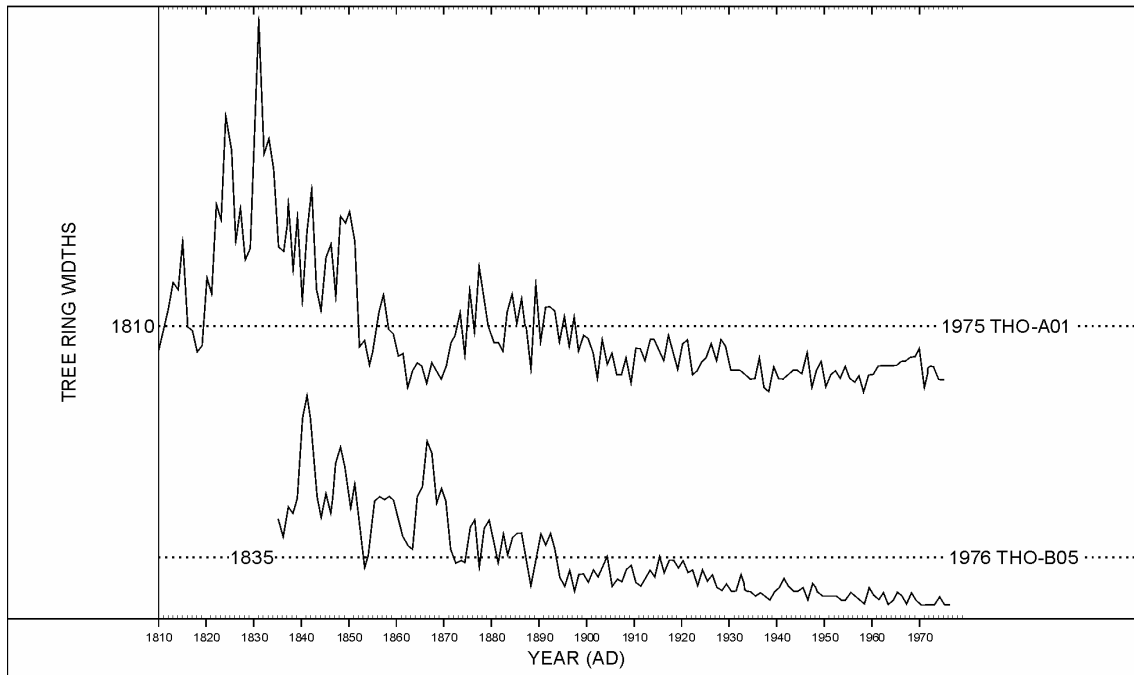


Figure A6: Bar diagram showing the relative positions and dates of the first rings of the component site sequences in the East Midlands Master Dendrochronological Sequence, EM08/87

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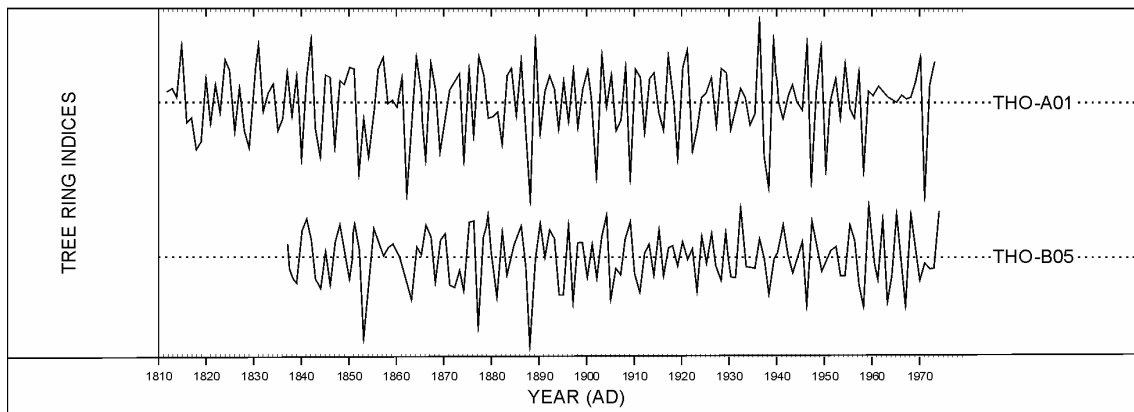


Figure A7 (a): *The raw ring-widths of two samples, THO-A01 and THO-B05, whose felling dates are known*

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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