

A SOCKETED BRONZE AXE FROM KIRK IRETON

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THERE is no recorded history of a socketed bronze axe in the Clifton Park Museum, Rotherham, except that it is known to have come from Kirk Ireton in Derbyshire. It appears to be the implement from this locality illustrated by Llewellynn Jewitt in his *Half-hours amongst some English antiquities* (2nd ed., 1880, fig. 97), but the absence of a scale prevents direct comparison.

This axe is complete and has a sharp cutting edge (fig. 21). In recent times it has been cleaned by abrasion, but traces of a dark greenish patina remain in places. The socket is oval, 1.1 in. by 1.3 in., and on each face are three vertical ribs hanging down from the collar.

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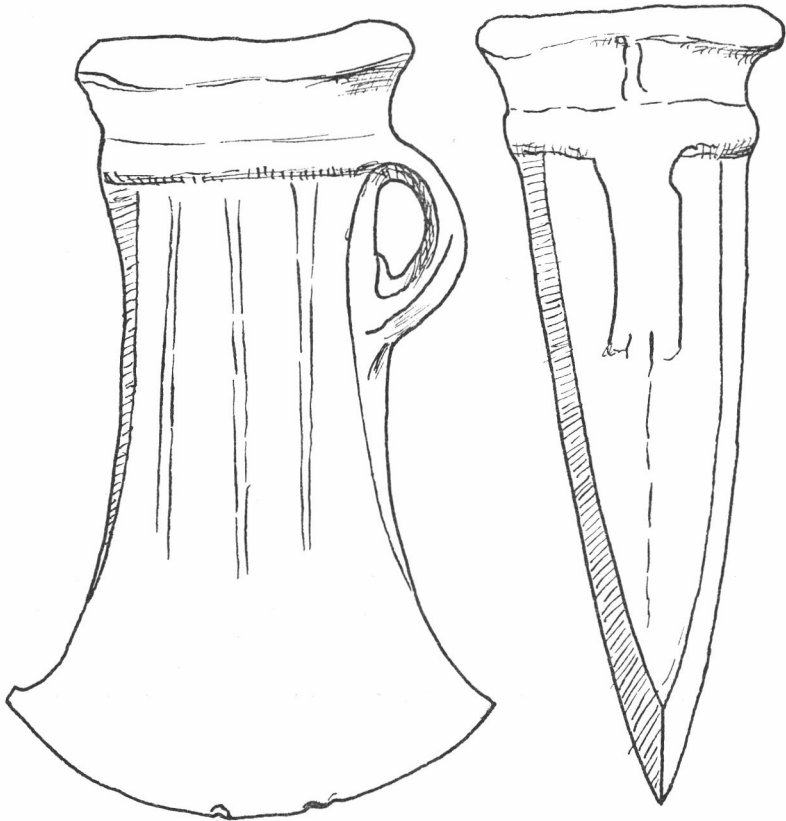


FIG. 21. Socketed axe from Kirk Ireton (1/1).