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## Summary

Over 100 oak timbers from structures associated with the construction and development of the waterfront at Swan Lane, City of London, were examined at the Sheffield Dendrochronology Laboratory. The study produced two master site curves covering the periods $56 \mathrm{BC}-169 \mathrm{AD}$ and 938 - 1192 AD , plus two tree-ring sequences which span the fourteenth and early fifteenth centuries. Interpretation of the tree-ring dates was made difficult because of absence of sapwood.

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## Introduction

Excavations at Swan Lane (site code - SWABi) by the Museum of London's Department of Urban Archaeology, directed by Geoff Egan, revealed a series of Roman, Saxon and medieval structures. A complex sequence of approximately thirty timber revetments marked successive phases of land reclamation from the River Thames. A Roman quay, constructed of large beamsq was replaced by two post and plank revetments and two further Roman waterfront structures: A series of mid 12 th to mid 14 th century post and plank revetments succeeded a late Saxon clay bank. This marked an intensive period of development on the waterfront during which an undercroft, thought to be early 13 th centur. , $_{\text {, }}$ and a large number of industrial hearths were also constructed. Towards the southern end of the site, 15 th century revetments were revealed. These consisted of thick vertical beams and were braced on the landward side. The latest and most southerly waterfront structure was a later 15 th century stone wall.

Oak timbers (Quercus spp) from some of these structures were sampled for dendrochronological analysis. It was hoped that the results of the analysis would clarify the chronology of the development of the waterfront.

## Method

The samples were prepared, measured and crossdated following the method given in Hillam (1985). They were grouped according to their approximate archaeological date and then examined group by group. Any samples with insufficient rings (less than 30) or with unclear ring sequences, due to the presence of knots, narrow rings or attacks of modern fungus, were rejected.

The sequence of ring widths of each measured sample was represented as a graph. The tree-ring curves were compared visually, by superimposing two curves and sliding one past the other searching for similarities in the pattern of wide and narrou rings. They were also compared by computer which calculates the value of Student's $t$ for each position of overlap (generally a value of $3.5 \mathrm{or}^{2}$ over represents a match). The tree-ring sequences from each group were compared with each other and also with reference chronologies from southern England and Germany. The most commonly used reference chronologies for the medieval period were SOUTHWARK (Tyers unpublished), REF6 (Fletcher 1977) and ENGLAND (Baillie \& Pilcher pers comm) and for the Roman period GERMANY TRIER AREA (Hollstein 198(0) and various chronologies from London such as New Fresh Wharf/Seal House (Morgan \& Schofield 1978) and City/Southwark (Tyers unpublished).

The results only date the rings present in the timber and therefore the date of the outermost ring does not necessarily


#### Abstract

represent the felling year. Sapwood, the outer part of a tree, is important in the determination of felling dates. If it is complete, indicated by the presence of bark or the bark edge, the exact felling year can be determined. A recent study of oak sapwood data showed that 19 out of 20 samples from British trees had 10-55 sapwood rings (Hillam et al 1986). These 95\% confidence limits are used throughout the report to estimate felling dates in the absence of complete sapuood. In the total absence of sapwood, the addition of 10 rings to the date of the last measured heartwood ring produces a probable terminus post quem for felling. As the number of missing heartwood rings is unknown the actual felling date could be much later.


## Results

Details of all samples are given in Appendices 1 and 2 . The ring widths of 74 samples were measured. Initially 32 samples were successfully dated but following further information about the site's stratigraphy another two samples, originally assumed to be from Roman structures, were successfully dated to the medieval period. Neither of the two samples tentatively placed in the Saxon period by other archaeological evidence were dated.

Two site master chronolagies were produced: SWAN LANE ROMAN (Table 1a) which covers the period 56BC-AD169 and SWAN LANE MEDIEVAL (Table 1b) spaning the period AD938-1192. They both crossmatched well with other London chronologies whilst Swan

Lane medieval also showed a high correlation with Germany (Table 2a). Additionally two sequences (3451 and 3454) spaning the 14th and early 15 th centuries were also dated by comparison with various regional chronologies (Table 2b). The results are given in full in Appendix 3.

Interpretation of the results is made difficult because of the lack of sapwood. In addition, detailed information about the stratigraphy and phasing of the site is not yet available, so that the following discussion is based mostly on the tree-ring evidence alone.

## Roman

Eleven samples from several different Roman structures, revetment $R 2$ being the earliest and revetment $R 5$ the latest, were dated (Table 3 a; Figure 1a) Only one of these, 1925 B from the drain associated with revetment $\mathrm{R} 2 / 3_{\mathrm{g}}$ had retained any sapwood and was felled during AD135-180. The felling dates of the other samples range from after AD133 to after 179, apart from sample 1887 which was felled after AD61. This sample may be re-used but it seems more probable that a number of heartwood rings are absent.

If the three timbers from $R 2 / 3$ and $R 2 / 3$ drain are contemporary a felling date of $A D 138-180$ is obtained. This would suggest that plank 1877A from R2 was also felled before AD180. The timbers from revetment $R 4$ have a probable terminus post quem of AD144.

However, sample 1341, which archaeglogical evidence indicates is associated with R3; was felled after AD159. This suggests that the R4 timbers could have a number of missing heartwood rings or that 1341 may in fact be associated with either R4 of even revetment R5.

## Medieval

Twenty three samples from various medieval structures were dated (Table 3b: Figure 1b). Once again only one of these samples, 368 , had retained some sapwood and unfortunately this was a re-used timber robbed from an earlier building. The felling dates of the other samples range from after AD1133 to after 1202, apart from samples 3018 , 1195 and 1191 , which were felled after AD1042, 1394 and 1462 respectively

A terminus post quem of AD1192 is obtained from the four dated timbers from the main medieval structure. The timbers from the undercroft support produce a felling date of after AD1154, although sample 368 , felled in AD1147-1189, was re-used from a late 12th century building. Two 12th century structures are represented by timbers 1579 and 1502 H which give a terminus post quem of AD1123 and 1155 respectively. If 368 is contemporary with these then a felling date of AD1155-1189 is indicated.

It appears possible that some timbers were either re-used or have a number of heartwood rings missing. Timber 1596, given a

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tentative archaeological date in the 15th century, produced a
terminus post quem of AD1202. However, the appearance and way in which this timber had been worked suggest that few hearwood rings are missing and that it was probably felled and initially used during the 13 th century.
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## The Timbers

The number of rings on the samples ranged from circa 25 to 180 plus. This variation was apparent on both Roman and medieval samples. However the bulk of the timbers appear to originated from trunks of approximately 40-100 years old. The dimensions of the timbers and the way in which they have been worked are variable, presumably according to the function of the timber. The diameter of the parent trunk of both the medieval and Roman timbers must have ranged from approximately ©. 1 to $\boldsymbol{0}_{\mathrm{a}} 7$ metres. The average ring width varies between $0_{\mathrm{n}} 85$ to 4.41 millimetres. This indicates that some of the trees must have grown under conditions that were limiting, passibly in dense woodland, whilst others had more favourable conditions and perhaps experienced less competition.

## Discussion

The results from the Roman timbers indicate that an almost continuous period of construction took place during the mid to late 2nd centur브 No dendrochronological dates were obtained

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for the Saxon period as the only two available oak samples were
unsuitable for analysis. The felling dates of the medieval
samples suggest intensive development on the waterfront
thoroughout the 12th and early 13th centuries. However, during
the 14th and 15th centuries development of the waterfront
appears to have decreased.
It is not possible to estimate the life span of the various
Roman and medieval structures with any accuracy. This is due
to the absence of sapwood on almost all the timbers, which
causes the felling ranges, and therefore the construction dates,
to be less precise. Additionally many of the structures are
represented by only one dated timber. However, the Swan Lame
results are useful in that they augment the growing body of
tree-ring dates from other sites in the City of London (eg
Hillam & Groves 1985),
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During the examination of the timbers in terms of the size and age of their parent trees and the average width of their rings, it becomes apparent that there is a great variety of material. This is to be expected in a region such as London as it is likely to be the result of the exploitation of a large area of woodland.

## Conclusion

Development of the waterfront took place throughout the latter half of the 2nd, 12 th and early 13 th centuries and to a lesser extent during the 14 th and 15 th centuries. Due to lack of suitable samples dendrochronological dates could not be obtained for the Saxon period.

The results of the dendrochronological analusis generally support the dates suggested by other archaeological evidence. However the absence of sapwood and in some instances the lack of available information makes interpretation of the felling dates difficult. The precision of the felling dates may have been improved if more samples per structure had been available and dated.

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Figure 1: Bar diagram showing the relative positions of the dated ring sequences from a) Roman period and b) Medieval period. The accession numbers are given in brackets where there is more than one sample with the same context number. Shading indicates sapwood; e - indicates the presence of unmeasured rings.

Figure Ib


Table la: Ring width data, in units of 0.02 mm , of SWAN ROMAN MEAN, 56BC-AD169.

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| 1 | -353 | 359 | 278 | 283 | 370 | 310 | 279 | 320 | 266 | 281 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 11 | -354 | 175 | 176 | 147 | 177 | 173 | 118 | 148 | 229 | 97 |
| 21 | -95 | 74 | 106 | 80 | 75 | 54 | 85 | 56 | 52 | 58 |
| 31 | -110 | 68 | 63 | 68 | 60 | 51 | 38 | 56 | 75 | 61 |
| 41 | -81 | 71 | 71 | 68 | 49 | 44 | 67 | 74 | 66 | 77 |
| 51 | -83 | 51 | 62 | 86 | 64 | 51 | 74 | 115 | 99 | 111 |


| 61 | -105 | 140 | 136 | 78 | 138 | 78 | 85 | 65 | 73 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 77 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


$81 \quad-10076 \quad 10410812286 \quad 84 \quad 95 \quad 75 \quad 84$
$71-10280 \quad 73$ 131. $10879 \quad 97 \quad 75 \quad 67 \quad 76$
$101-78 \quad 70 \quad 65 \quad 67 \quad 62 \quad 48 \quad 57 \quad 69 \quad 59 \quad 54$
$111-74 \quad 65 \quad 45 \quad 50 \quad 53 \quad 58 \quad 80 \quad 50 \quad 5648$
$121-4959 \quad 71 \quad 72 \quad 5155657 \quad 40 \quad 104140$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}131 & -88 & 69 & 64 & 76 & 83 & 83 & 87 & 88 & 81 & 67\end{array}$
$141-53 \quad 76 \quad 112 \quad 127 \quad 141 \quad 110 \quad 128 \quad 139 \quad 10074$
$151-117124137979100118115818135$
$161-12310311810910286 \quad 1181087271$
$171-6285 \quad 113 \quad 91 \quad 92 \quad 114 \quad 73 \quad 10180 \quad 103$
$\begin{array}{llllllllllllll}181 & -72 & 115 & 118 & 127 & 105 & 13 & 76 & 97 & 100 & 99\end{array}$
$191-89 \quad 124 \quad 125 \quad 124 \quad 70 \quad 85 \quad 98 \quad 97 \quad 110 \quad 105$
$201-10981 \quad 14188 \quad 83 \quad 121 \quad 76 \quad 86 \quad 87 \quad 64$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}211 & -97 & 68 & 77 & 83 & 77 & 68 & 82 & 51 & 57 & 44\end{array}$
$221-58 \quad 50 \quad 84 \quad 83 \quad 62$

Table 1b: Ring width data, in units of 0.02 mm , of SWAN LANE MED, AD938-1192.

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| 1 | -110 | 77 | 62 | 67 | 62 | 35 | 37 | 70 | 50 | 62 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 11 | -55 | 20 | 45 | 27 | 47 | 53 | 47 | 70 | 64 | 74 |
| 21 | -68 | 38 | 53 | 47 | 41 | 44 | 42 | 36 | 56 | 122 |
| 31 | -87 | 77 | 63 | 102 | 75 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 67 | 102 |


| 41 | -74 | 78 | 105 | 104 | 107 | 97 | 78 | 106 | 83 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

$\begin{array}{llllllllllllll}51 & -67 & 116 & 94 & 97 & 112 & 113 & 113 & 110 & 81 & 85\end{array}$

| 61 | - | 104 | 116 | 97 | 84 | 97 | 150 | 107 | 84 | 82 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

$\begin{array}{llllllllll}71 & -111 & 92 & 82 & 75 & 90 & 90 & 58 & 70 & 74 \\ 7\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}81 & -88 & 68 & 75 & 72 & 80 & 77 & 84 & 75 & 88 & 87\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}71 & -67 & 58 & 86 & 58 & 57 & 66 & 66 & 68 & 74 & 103\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}101 & -69 & 58 & 89 & 96 & 101 & 79 & 62 & 81 & 85 & 93\end{array}$
$111-60 \quad 67 \quad 66 \quad 74 \quad 58 \quad 55$

$131-11610410193 \quad 76 \quad 96 \quad 76 \quad 108113102$
$141-101927691 \quad 10311678979871$.
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}151 & -67 & 85 & 68 & 67 & 88 & 100 & 81 & 71 & 71 & 79\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llllllllll}161 & -91 & 84 & 95 & 66 & 64 & 97 & 82 & 82 & 80 \\ 90\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}171 & -95 & 89 & 71 & 73 & 77 & 87 & 91 & 108 & 86 & 75\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}181 & -77 & 74 & 78 & 62 & 82 & 78 & 101 & 77 & 68 & 69\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}191 & -78 & 57 & 77 & 72 & 82 & 77 & 75 & 78 & 59 & 50\end{array}$

$\begin{array}{lllllllllllllllllll}211 & -79 & 81 & 90 & 80 & 61 & 95 & 74 & 67 & 77 & 80\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llllllllll}221 & -81 & 76 & 101 & 79 & 79 & 62 & 75 & 78 & 70 \\ 74\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}231 & - & 93 & 121 & 98 & 92 & 82 & 100 & 83 & 69 & 84\end{array} 67$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}241 & -82 & 71 & 62 & 36 & 87 & 96 & 64 & 87 & 92 & 85\end{array}$
$251-64 \quad 67 \quad 86 \quad 75 \quad 93$

Table 2: Dating the tree-ring sequences a) the master curves and b) sequences 3451 and 3454 .

| Table 2a | t-value |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| reference chronology / date | Swan Lane <br> Roman | Swan Lane <br> Medieval |
| England (AD404-1981) | - | 9.9 |
| Ref6 (AD780-1193) | - | 10.7 |
| Southwark medieval (AD779-1227) | - | 9.6 |
| Germany Trier area (400BC-AD1965) | 3.8 | 7.2 |
| City/Southwark (252BC-AD255) | 9.2 | - |
| New Fresh Wharf/Seal House |  |  |
| (73BC-AD209) | 10.5 | - |


| Table 2b | t-value |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| reference chronology / date | 3451 | 3454 |
| Germany Munich area (370BC-AD1969) | 4.3 | - |
| Germany Trier area (400BC-AD1965) | 3.8 | - |
| Droitwich (AD1178-1415) | 4.6 | - |
| England (AD404-1981) | 3.3 | 4.0 |
| English/We1sh border (AD1341-1636) | - | 3.9 |
| Reading (AD1160-1407) | 3.2 | - |
| St Cuthberts (AD1255-1496) | 3.4 | - |
| Tower, London (AD1383-1534) | - | 3.8 |
| York medieval (ADl320-1696) | - | 6.2 |

Table 3a: Felling dates of Roman timbers. 'e' indicates the presence of rings that have been counted rather than measured; sapwood transition is given in brackets.
structure timber years spanned felling date

| R2 | 1877 A | $88-128$ | after 138 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| R2/3 | 1886 B | $69-128$ | after 138 |
| R2/3 drain | 1924 A | $20-123$ | after 133 |
| isolated drain | 1925 B | $88-129(126)$ | $135-180$ |
| associated with R3 | 1341 | $87-133$ | after 143 |
| R4 | $1348 B$ | $1-149$ | after 159 |
| associated with R4 | $1350 F$ | $73-134$ | after 144 |
| R5 | 1560 | $56 B C-A D 127$ | after 137 |
| isolated timber | 1961 | $3-161$ e | after 171 |
| $?$ | 1887 | $108-169$ | after 179 |

Table 3b: Felling dates of medieval timbers. 'e' indicates the presence of rings that have been counted rather than measured; sapwood transition is given in brackets; accession numbers have been given where necessary.

| structure | timber | years spanned (AD) | $\begin{gathered} \text { felling date } \\ (\mathrm{AD}) \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ? | 1351 | 1064-1148 e | after 1158 |
| ? | 1757 | 1027-1155 | after 1165 |
| ? | 1596 | 1043-1192 | after 1202 |
| removed revetment | 3018 | 953-1032 | after 1042 |
| late Cl2 structure | 1579 | 980-1113 | after 1123 |
| late CJ. 2 structure | $\begin{aligned} & 1502 \mathrm{H}-3478 \\ & 1502 \mathrm{H}-3480 \mathrm{~B} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1007-1131 \text { e } \\ & 1073-1145 \end{aligned}$ | after 1141 <br> after 1155 |
| undercroft support | $\begin{aligned} & 311 \\ & 368 \\ & 430 \\ & 532 C \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1079-1144 \\ & 1067-1147(1135) \text { e } \\ & 987-1051 \\ & 1022-1132 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { after } 1154 \\ & \text { 1145-89 } \\ & \text { after } 1061 \\ & \text { after } 1142 \end{aligned}$ |
| frame - hearth 1 | 385B | 1085-1168 | after 1178 |
| late Cl2 structure or 'deep hole' | $\begin{aligned} & 865 \\ & 897 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1041-1158 \\ & 1050-1176 \end{aligned}$ | after 1168 <br> after 1186 |
| early Cl3 structure <br> - main medieval feature | $\begin{aligned} & 1570-3464 \\ & 1570-3570 \\ & 1576-3447 \\ & 1576 T \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1089-1174 \\ 1108-1182 \\ 1053-1158 \\ 967-1096 \end{gathered}$ | after 1184 <br> after 1192 <br> after 1168 <br> after 1106 |
| ? early Cl3 structure | $\begin{aligned} & 1509-3449 \\ & 1509-3497 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1064-1134 \\ 938-1115 \text { e } \end{array}$ | after 1144 <br> after 1125 |
| isloated structure | 1800A | 1097-1192 | after 1202 |
| early Cl5 structure | 1195 | 1309-1384 | after 1394 |
| C15 drain | 1191 | 1394-1451 e | after 1461 |

Appendix 1

Details of samples

Context - context number
Accn - accession number
Rings - total number of rings
Sapwood - number of sapwood rings
Av. width - average ring width in mim
Dimensions - maximum dimensions of the cross-section in mm
Exres - expected date from other archaeological evidence

+     - rings present but not measured

| CONTEXT | ACON | RTNGS | SAPWOOD | AV. WIDTH | DIMENSTONS | EXRES | COMVENT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 311 | 76 | 66 | $\cdots$ | [0.89 | $195 \times 160$ | medieval | -- |
| 366 | 78 | 83 | 8-9 | 2.08 | $195 \times 150$ | 13th | $\cdots$ |
| 368 | 1000 | 75+ | 7 | 1.80 | $200 \times 200$ | 13 th | +6 outer rings |
| 367 | 75 | 31 | 17 | 3.21 | $135 \times 120$ | 13 th | - |
| \%85 B | 88 | 84 | -- | (0).66 | 140855 | 13 th | $\cdots$ |
| 3850 | 90 | 58 | 24 | 2.36 | 190×85 | 13 th | $\cdots$ |
| 385A | 91 | 55 | 13 | 2.87 | $175 \times 100$ | 13 th | - |
| 4078 | 80 | 31 | 1.4 | 2. 31 | $155 \times 115$ | ? 5axon | knotty |
| 4300 | 53 | 65 | -- | 4.41 | 310×55 | 13 th | - |
| 527 A | 81 | 65 | -- | --- | $135 \times 65$ | 13 th | clecayed |
| W27B | 82 | -- | - | $\cdots$ | $125 \times 100$ | 13 th | decayed |
| 5272 | 101 | - | -- | $\cdots$ | $110 \times 100$ | 13 th | decayed |
| $\cdots 30$ | 77 | 94 | 32 | 0.95 | $150 \times 140$ | 12tヶ? | - |
| 5310 | 86 | 35 | 7 | - | $155 \times 70$ | 13th | $\cdots$ |
| $\cdots 32 \mathrm{C}$ | 84 | 111 | -- | 1. 004 | $1.40 \times 65$ | 13th | - |
| 532A | 85 | - | - | - | $160 \times 130$ | 13 th | decayed |
| 9320 | 89 | 133 | --- | 1. 102 | $150 \times 45$ | 13 th | -- |
| 5350 | 87 | c-45 | - | - | $210 \times 110$ | 13 th | decayed |
| 600A | 23 | 39 | $\cdots$ | 1.79 | $75 \times 60$ | 75axon | - |
| 602 | 66 | - | $\cdots$ | - | $225 \times 150$ | 13 tr | deceyed |
| 620 | 77 | - | - | - | $210 \times 160$ | 13 th | decayed |
| 865 | 3484 | 118 | - | 3. 32 | $420 \times 50$ | 13 th | $\cdots$ |
| 875 | 3488A | $56+$ | - | 1. 68 | $185 \times 45$ | 13 th | +5 outer rings |
| 875 | 3488 B | 42 | - | 3. 084 | $150 \times 45$ | 13 th | --- |
| 897 | 3491 | 127 | - | 1. 37 | $285 \times 45$ | 13th | - |
| 965 | 4394 | 63 | - | 2.61 | $325 \times 40$ | 14-15th | $\cdots$ |
| 1016 A | 3470 | 49 | $\cdots$ | 256 | $145 \times 120$ | 13 th | - |
| 1017 | 3458 | $4 \square$ | 9 | 1. 33 | $115 \times 105$ | 13-14th | $\cdots$ |
| 1025 | 3499 | 62 | 7 | 2.86 | $285 \times 195$ | 14 tr | $\cdots$ |
| 18.33 | 3466 | 035 | 4 | -- | $160 \times 105$ | 13 th | rings unclear |
| 11000 | 3471 | 25 | - | - | $175 \times 130$ | --- | knotty |
| 11450 | 3455 | 28 | - | - | 120\%40 | 14 th | - |
| 1. 146 | 3459 | 55 | 25 | 2.03 | $230 \times 120$ | 13-14th | - |
| 1156 | 3468 | 25 | -- | -- | $195 \times 165$ | 13-14th | $\cdots$ |
| 1157 | 3477 | 26 | 5 | $\cdots$ | $195 \times 190$ | 13-14th | - |
| 1158 | 3568 | 27 | 7 | - | $155 \times 130$ | 13-14th | $\cdots$ |
| 1. 171 | 3454 | $56+$ | --- | 2.68 | $250 \times 190$ | 14 th | +2 outer rings |
| 1195 | 3451 | 77 | $\cdots$ | 1.91 | $290 \times 230$ | 15th | --- |
| 1216 | 3450 | 84 | 1 | 1. 1.76 | $215 \times 155$ | 15 th | - |
| 1218 | 3472 | 20 | -- | -- | $215 \times 50$ | - | rings distorted |
| 1282 | 3567 | c35 | -- | $\cdots$ | $235 \times 165$ | 13-14th | rings unclear |
| 1291 | 3575 | 25 | - | - | $140 \times 50$ | 13-14th | -- |
| 1.314 | 3453 | 40 | -- | 3.60 | $165 \times 135$ | 13-14th | - |
| 1314 | 3457 | 21 | - | - | $140 \times 135$ | 13-14th | $\cdots$ |
| 1.316 | 3483 | 76 | 23-25 | 2.11 | $185 \times 115$ | 13-14th | knotty |
| 1341 | 3580 | 149 | --- | 1. 38 | $410 \times 355$ | L. Roman | -- |
| 1348 P | 3496 | 62 | - | 2.71 | $340 \times 40$ | L. Roman | - |
| 13500 | 3576 | 65 | -- | 1.96 | $145 \times 40$ | L. Roman | $\cdots$ |
| 1.35 DF | 3578 | 183 | - | 1. 51. | $530 \times 360$ | L. . Roman | knottu |


| CONTEXT | ACCN | RINGS | SAPWOOD | AV.WTDTH | DTMENSTONS | EXRES | COMIVENT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1351 | 3474 | $75+$ | -- | 2.59 | $240 \times 150$ | L. : Roman | +10 outer rings |
| 1502 H | 3478 | $12 \mathrm{2}+$ | - | 1.24 | 22545 | 13 th | +3 outer rings |
| 150 HH | 3479 | 69 | - | 3.94 | 300 35 | 13 th | - |
| 150 CH | 34 BDA | 日ด | - | 0.85 | $155 \times 30$ | 13 th | $\cdots$ |
| 150 H | 3480 E | 73 | $\cdots$ | 1.33 | $1.40 \times 35$ | 13 th | - |
| 150 H | 3481 | 119 | - | 1.50 | 290845 | 13 th | $\cdots$ |
| 150 H | $348 \%$ | C40 | - | --- | $325 \times 40$ | 13th | unclear rings |
| 1502 | 3489 | $+84$ | - | 1.29 | $260 \times 105$ | 13 th | - |
| 1508 | 3473 | 48 | --- | 1. 90 | $170 \times 135$ | -- | - |
| 1509 | 3449 | 71 | -- | 4.060 | $355 \times 60$ | 13 th | $\cdots$ |
| 1. 509 | 3497 | $172+$ | - | 1.06 | $300 \times 45$ | 13 th | +5 outer rings |
| 1560 | 3485 | $1.44+$ | -- | 1.61 | $355 \times 85$ | L. Roman | +15 outer ringe |
| $1.56 \%$ | $349 \%$ | 60] | - | 3.60 | $220 \times 165$ | 13 th | --- |
| 1563 E | 3476 | 25 | - | $\cdots$ | $125 \times 125$ | 13th | $\cdots$ |
| 15630 | 3581A | 45 | - | 2.044 | $100 \times 25$ | 13 th | - |
| 15630 | 3581 B | 58 | - | 1. 4.42 | $110 \times 25$ | 13 th | $\cdots$ |
| 1.578 | 3464 | 86 | -- | 2.53 | $240 \times 35$ | 13th | -- |
| 1578 | 3570 | $+73+$ | - | $2=15$ | 175 $\times 35$ | 13 th | +2 outer rimg |
| 1.570 | 3571 | 25 | - | - | $145 \times 140$ | 13 th | - |
| 1576 P | 3446 | 116 | - | 1. 123 | $3.35 \times 60$ | 13 th | $\cdots$ |
| 1.576 | 3447 | +99+ | - | 1.087 | $245 \times 95$ | 13 th | +7 outer rings |
| 1576 | 3467 | 25 | - | --- | $250 \times 50$ | 13th | -- |
| 1.576 T | 3493 | 130 | - | 1.45 | $205 \times 155$ | 13 th | -- |
| 1576 | 3582 | 27 | - | - | 255 50, | 13th | $\cdots$ |
| 1.579 | 3579 | 134 | -- | (0.91. | $325 \times 295$ | 12-13th | - |
| 1581 | 3463 | 75+ | 4+ | 1.52 | $205 \times 155$ | 13 th | knotty |
| 1.596 | 3577 | 150 | - | 1. 84 | $500 \times 490$ | 15th | - |
| 1757 | 3494 | 127 | - | [7. 94 | $280 \times 35$ | Roman | $\cdots$ |
| 18000 | 3456 | 52 | - | 4.21 | $260 \times 20$ | 1.4 th | - |
| 1800 M | 3486 | 35 | - | 4.11 | $210 \times 195$ | 14 th | $\cdots$ |
| 1.8000 | 3490 | 29 | $\cdots$ | -- | $135 \times 120$ | 14 th | - |
| 18000 | 3573 | c42 | - | -- | $335 \times 40$ | 14th | decayed |
| 18000 A | 3574 | 96 | - | 1. 21 | $400 \times 41$ | 1.4th | - |
| 1877 A | 4417 | 41 | - | 4.34 | $190 \times 30$ | Roman | $\cdots$ |
| 1.880 A | 4409 | 29 | 8 | - | $155 \times 110$ | 14 th | - |
| 18820 | 4413 | 29 | - | - | $175 \times 60$ | Roman | $\cdots$ |
| 1.880 J | 4403 | 64 | -- | 1. .87 | $205 \times 25$ | Roman | - |
| 1886 B | 4404 | 60 | - | 1.16 | $335 \times 65$ | Roman | $\cdots$ |
| 1886 | 4410 | 30 | - | 2.29 | $155 \times 110$ | Roman | - |
| 1887 | 4406 | 77 | - | 1.20 | $115 \times 75$ | Roman | $\cdots$ |
| 1909 | 4407 | 34 | - | 3.88 | 1. $55 \times 135$ | Roman | - |
| 1924 A | 4400 | 1044 | - | 1.77 | $205 \times 60$ | Roman | $\cdots$ |
| 1.924 P | 4412 | 15 | - | - | $130 \times 105$ | Roman | - |
| 1925 E | 4401. | 42 | 4 | 2.89 | $165 \times 115$ | Roman | $\cdots$ |
| 1.9448 | 4415 | 47 | - | 3.44 | $190 \times 20$ | Roman | - |
| 1953 | 4405 | 35 | -- | 3.84 | $130 \times 105$ | Roman | $\cdots$ |
| 1.955 | 4408 | 100 | - | 1.55 | $195 \times 65$ | Roman | - |
| 1955 | 4414 | 35 | - | 1. 6.6 | $65 \times 55$ | Roman | $\cdots$ |
| 1961 | 4398 | 62 | - | 2.61 | $250 \times 240$ | Roman | - |

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APPENDIX 1 - DETAILS OF SAMPLES
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| CONTEXT | ACON | RTNGS | SAPWOOD | AV.WTDTH | DTMENSIONS | EXRES | COIVIENT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\cdots 195$ | 3462 | -- | --- | --- | - | - | broken |
| 2198 | 3495 | - | - | - | $170 \times 45$ | 13 th | rings unclear |
| 276 E | $357 \%$ | 69 | - | 2.53 | $295 \times 50$ | 13th | $\cdots$ |
| 30007 | 4418 | 35 | $\cdots$ | 2.87 | $135 \times 30$ | Roman | $\cdots$ |
| 30008 | 4419 | 20 | - | - | $145 \times 20$ | Romen | - |
| 3018 | 44.11 | 80 | $\cdots$ | 1.25 | $140 \times 110$ | $12-13 \mathrm{th}$ | $\cdots$ |
| 3044 B | 4402 | 29 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $170 \times 50$ | Roman | $\cdots$ |

## Appendix 2

## Cross-sectional sketches

Sapwood indicated bu shading: sketches are not drawn to scale and are intended as a rough guide to the way in which the timbers were cut or split.


366


368


369


385A


385B

385 C


409


430 सН世णाए

527A


527B 427


530

531c


532A जी77
1033



| 1924A | बITH | 2195 | fragmented |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1924B | 14178 | 2198 | $0858$ |
| 1925B |  | 2276E | H+1085 |
| 1944B | क-4CH8s | 3007 | 17488 |
| 1953 |  | 3008 | (8860540) |
| $\begin{gathered} 1955 \\ (4408) \end{gathered}$ |  | 3018 |  |
| $\begin{gathered} 1955 \\ (4414) \end{gathered}$ |  | 3044B | "fitio |
| 1961 |  |  |  |

## Appendix 3

## Results

Context - context number

Accn - accession number

+     - rings present but not measured
Dates of the heartwood-sapwood transitions, where present, are given in brackets.

| CONTEXT | ACCN | RESUIT1 | RESULT2 | COMIVENT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 311 | 76 | dated | 1079-1144 | -- |
| 366 | 78 | undeted | - | $\cdots$ |
| 368 | 1.000 | deted | 1067-1141 (1135) | +6 outer rings |
| 369 | 75 | undeted | - | -- |
| 385 B | 88 | deted | $1095-1168$ | - |
| 3550 | 90 | undeted | --- | $\cdots$ |
| 385A | 91 | undated | $\cdots$ | - |
| 4097 | 80 | undeted | $\cdots$ | knotty |
| 430 | 83 | dated | 987-1051 | - |
| 527 A | 81 | rejected | - | decayed |
| 527 B | 82 | rejected | -- | decayed |
| $527 Z$ | 101 | rejected | - | decayed |
| 530 | 79 | undated | - | - |
| 5310 | 86 | undeted | -- | $\cdots$ |
| 53 C | 84 | dated | $1022-1132$ | - |
| 532A | 85 | rejected | - | clecayed |
| 53\%0 | 89 | undated | $\cdots$ | - |
| 535 D | 87 | rejected | - | decayed |
| CDOA | 232 | undated | - | - |
| $6 \square 2$ | 66 | rejected | - | decayed |
| 60 | 77 | rejected | - | decayed |
| 865 | 3484 | dated | 1041-1158 | - |
| \%75 | 3488A | undeted | --- | +5 outer rings |
| 875 | 3488P | undeted | - | -- |
| 997 | 3491 | dated | 1050-1176 | - |
| 965 | 4394 | undated | - | $\cdots$ |
| 1016 A | 3470 | undeted | - | $\cdots$ |
| 1017 | 3458 | undated | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| 1.025 | 3479 | undated | - | - |
| 1033 | 3466 | rejected | - | rings unclear |
| 1100 | 3471 | rejected | $\cdots$ | knotty |
| 1.1.450 | 3455 | rejected | - | -- |
| 1146 | 3459 | undeted | - | - |
| 1156 | 3468 | rejected | - | $\cdots$ |
| 1157 | 3477 | rejected | - | - |
| 1158 | 3568 | rejected | - | $\cdots$ |
| 1191 | 3454 | dated | 1.394-1.49 | +2 outer rings |
| 1195 | 3451 | cated | 13079-1384 | - |
| 1216 | 3450 | undated | --- | - |
| 1218 | 3472 | rejected | - | rings distorted |
| 128\% | 3567 | mejected | - | mings unclear |
| 1271 | 3575 | rejected | - | - |
| 1314 | 3453 | undated | $\cdots$ | - |
| 1314 | 3457 | rejected | - | $\cdots$ |
| 1316 | 3483 | undated | - | knotty |
| 1341 | 3580 | dated | 1-149 | - |
| 1.348E | 3496 | dated | 73-134 | - |
| 13500 | 3576 | undeted | - | $\cdots$ |
| 1350 F | 3578 | dated | $56 \mathrm{BC}-\mathrm{AD} 127$ | knotty |


| CONTEXT | ACCN | RESULT 1 | RESULTE | COMMENT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1351 | 3474 | deted | 1064-1138 | +10 outer rings |
| 1502 H | 3478 | dated | 1007-1128 | +3 outer rimgs |
| 150 H | 3479 | undeted | --- | - |
| 15024 | 3490 A | undeted | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| 1.50\%H | 34808 | dated | 1073-1145 | $\cdots$ |
| 1502H | 3481 | undeted | - | $\cdots$ |
| 1.50\%H | 3482 | rejected | $\cdots$ | unclear rings |
| 1502 | 3489 | undeted | -- | -- |
| 1508 | 3473 | undated | - | - |
| 15079 | 3449 | cated | 1064-1134 | $\cdots$ |
| 1509 | 3497 | deted | 938-1110 | +5 outer rings |
| 1560 | 3485 | dated | 3-146 | +15 outer ring |
| 156 | 3492 | undated | -- | - |
| 1563 B | 3476 | rejected | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| 15630 | 3581. | undated | - | - |
| 15630 | 3581E | undated | -- | $\cdots$ |
| 1578 | 3464 | deted | 1089-1174 | $\cdots$ |
| 1578 | 35707 | dated | 1108-1180 | +2 outer mings |
| 1578 | 3571 | rejected | - | - |
| 1576 P | 3446 | undeted | - | $\cdots$ |
| 1576 | 3447 | dated | 1053-1151 | +7 outer rings |
| 1576 | 3467 | rejected | - | -- |
| $1.576 T$ | 3493 | deted | 967-1096 | - |
| 1576 | 3582 | rejected | - | $\cdots$ |
| 1.579 | 3579 | dated | 980-1113 | - |
| 1581 | 3463 | undeted | -- | knottu |
| 1596 | 3577 | dated | 1043-1192 | --- |
| 1757 | 3494 | cated | 1027-1155 | $\cdots$ |
| 1.8000 | 3456 | undated | - | - |
| 1800 M | 3486 | undeted | - | $\cdots$ |
| 1.800 | 3490 | rejected | - | - |
| 18000 | 3573 | rejected | - | decayed |
| 1800 A | 3574 | deted | 1097-1192 | - |
| 1877A | 4417 | dated | 88-128 | $\cdots$ |
| 1880 A | 44097 | rejected | -- | - |
| 18820 | 4413 | rejected | - | $\cdots$ |
| 1886 J | 4403 | undeted | $\cdots$ | - |
| 1886 E | 4404 | deted | 69-128 | $\cdots$ |
| 1.886 | 4410 | undeted | - | - |
| 1887 | 4406 | dated | $26 \mathrm{BC}-\mathrm{ADS} 1$ | $\cdots$ |
| 1.909 | 4407 | undeted | -- | - |
| 1924 A | 44000 | dated | $20-123$ | $\cdots$ |
| 1924 B | 4412 | rejected | - | - |
| 1925 B | 4401 | deted | 88-129 (126) | $\cdots$ |
| 1.94 .4 B | 4415 | dated | 87-133 | - |
| 1.953 | 4.485 | undeted | - | $\cdots$ |
| 1.955 | 4408 | undated | - | - |
| 1955 | 441.4 | undated | - | $\cdots$ |
| 1961 | 4398 | dated | 108-169 | - |

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APPENDIX 3 - RESULTS
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| CONTEXT | ACCN | RESUL.T1 | RESULTE | COMVENT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 219 | 3462 | rejected | $\cdots$ | broken |
| 2198 | 3495 | rejected | - | rings uncleam |
| 2\%7E | 3572 | undated | - | --- |
| 3007 | 4418 | undeted | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| 3008 | 4419 | rejected | - | $\cdots$ |
| 3018 | 4411 | dated | 953-1032 | $\cdots$ |
| 30148 B | 4482 | rejected | - | - |

