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Textile Report

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Burial 172

In this burial small fragments of textile were found still preserved on the skeleton - adhering to the right fibula, on the side which would have been against the lead, of the coffin, lying under the leg bones, and in the small of the back. In all cases they were the same fabric, from its appearance probably flax, Z spun both systems, tabby weave, count 19-20/20 threads per cm; the largest pieces were c.3.0 X 2.0, c.3.0 X 2.5 and c.2.5 X 1.3 cms.

The same fabric was present, replaced or semi-replaced on areas of the lead, the best patches near where the chest would have lain, c.4.0 X 4.0 and 2.0 X 1.5 cms, and small traces in many places.

These scraps obviously come from a good quality shroud.