

ARK Report 3683  
Pony and shoe

CAMBER CASTLE SHOES

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753687 Welted sole, right foot; worn away at right side of toe and forepart and at seat. Marginal row of grain/flesh stitching holes, stitch length c. 4.0mm., set in channel on grain side, c. 2.0mm. from edge. As the seat has now disappeared, any evidence of a heel will have gone with it. Present length 170mm.

753688 Welted Sole, left foot; worn away at toe, down the left side and at seat. Marginal row of grain/flesh stitching holes remaining down the inside (right) waist edge, stitch length c. 4.0mm. and set in channel c. 3.0mm. from the edge; some thread remains in situ. Present length 170mm. Presumably it belongs to the same shoes as the insole 753686 and the other sole, 753687 may belong to the right shoe of the same pair although its shape is not quite the same.

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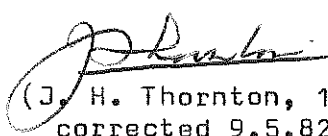
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Note

Apparently I did not record the length measurements of -87 and -88; perhaps this should be done. Presumably all will be drawn.