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The Cremated Human Bones from Old Somerby, Lincs

Five small samples of cremated human bone were examined in the laboratory. The minimum number of individuals was estimated as two as the other three samples were not definitely identified as human.

There were two adults present, but no other observations were possible for demography, anthropology or pathology. The results are summarised in Table 1.

<u>Burial no.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Weight</u>
2	-	-
5	-	-
8	-	-
9	adult	985g
10	adult	616g

Table 1 The results for the cremations from Old Somerby

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The Catalogue of Cremated Human Bones from Old Somerby

Burial 2

This was a sample of 13 human bone fragments which could not be definitely be identified as human. No further observations could be made.

Burial 5

This was a sample of eight fragments of bone which could not be definitely be identified as human. No further observations could be made.

Burial 8

This contained about 20 human bone fragments. No further observations could be made.

Burial 9

Bone preservation: moderate, most of the skeleton was represented

Sex: -

Age: adult

Stature: -

Pathology: -

Weight: 985g

Burial 10

Bone preservation: good, most of the skeleton was represented

Sex: -

Age: adult, based on the size of the bones

Stature: -

Pathology: -

Weight: 615g