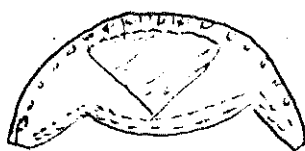


WHARREM PERCY, EAST RIDING, YORKS: LEATHER FROM HILL CAMP

Upper sections and part of welt of an ankle boot; reversed cow hide, grain inwards, Blucher pattern, 10-eyelet, welted construction.

Vamp: fragmentary; the central portion has been cut away presumably to use for some other purpose. The wings and throat



have a double row of stitch holes where the tongue was attached, stitch length: 2.5mm. - 3.0mm. and the rows 9.0mm. apart. The lasting margin has stitch holes 8.0mm. - 9.0mm. apart and is markedly pleated at the toe.

Leg: almost complete, one-piece pattern, except at the top where a piece has broken off on one side (left) and the other side has deteriorated. There are 10 lace-holes (no eyelets or binding) down each tab and behind these is a row of stitching holes c. 3.0mm. apart, where presumably an inside facing was attached. The sloping front edge has the two parallel rows of stitches corresponding with those in the vamp where it was underlaid. Some thread remains. The lasting margin has the large welt seam holes, c. 9.0mm. - 10mm. apart. Both vamp and leg are of reversed cow hide and very thick (c. 3.0mm. - 4.0mm.) the vamp being slightly thicker than the leg. Height of back: 185mm.

There are also two fragments of welt curved to follow the contour of the shoe bottom but it is not clear where exactly they came from. One is 150mm. long and the other 190mm.; both are 10mm. wide and 6.0mm. thick. Both carry two sets of stitch holes:

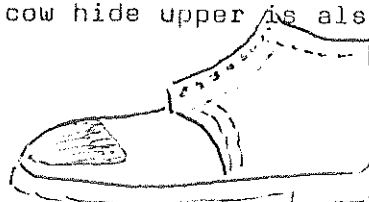
(a) the welt seam, c. 8.0mm. - 9.0mm. stitch length corresponding to the those in the lasting margin described above;

(b) the sole seam, c. 4.5mm. stitch length with the holes set <sup>with their axes</sup> diagonal (normal when the thread is thick and the holes close together).

~~The cross-section is roughly rectangular, 73mm. x 40mm. with-~~  
A rectangular section, 73mm. x 40mm. has many scattered holes which may indicate that it was part of the sole or a repair. One edge is curved, possibly the edge of the sole.

Date: the general shape, pattern and heavy character suggest the 19th century prior to 1850; possibly a work boot or a military boot. The reversed cow hide upper is also typical.

(Draw the reassembled boot)



17201  
750009

Eight thin fragments, some with stitch holes and cut edges. One piece appears to be cutting scrap. The largest piece, very thin and delaminated, is roughly triangular and has a grain/flesh seam near one edge (a cut one) with a stitch length of c. 5.0mm. It may be a lamina of a turnshoe sole but this is by no means certain.



(Draw)

17212  
750010

Four fragments, very thin and fragile. The largest, c. 95mm x 75mm. has two stitched edges with <sup>edge/flesh</sup> holes 3.0mm. - 4.0mm. apart; it may be part of a shoe vamp near the toe, the stitching being in the lasting margin.

(Draw)

17198  
750011

Five small and very spongy fragments. The curvature and pleating of one piece suggests that it might be part of an upper lasting margin but these features may be due to burial and not shoemaking.

(Draw)

17205  
750012

A piece of plaited rope. Not examined.

14137A  
750013

A very small fragment, 22mm. x 12mm. x 1.5mm., of very encrusted leather (?)

(Examine under microscope - may not be leather)

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