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CASTLE ACRE PRIORY

Medieval 755890

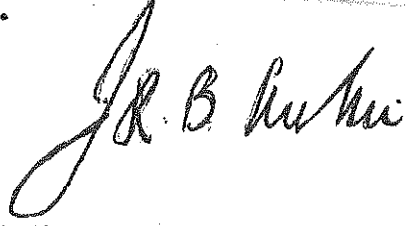
12 whole Rye grains Secale cereale L. and numerous fragments were examined.

Size of carbonised grain. Average: 5.4mm. length x 2.0mm. breadth.

*is more variable in size than*

A random sample of rye ~~if compared with wheat or barley will show the grains are not so uniform in size.~~ Rye grains from Castle Acre Priory follow the same pattern. Some grains measure over 6mm. in length, whilst others are little over 4.5 mm. All grains show the corrugated surface so characteristic of rye.

~~This is a significant deposit, as not only does it represent one crop without admixture of other cereals, indicating a relatively small field bought under cultivation at that time, specifically crops such as rye were utilized for bread making for the immediate needs of the Priory.~~



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