

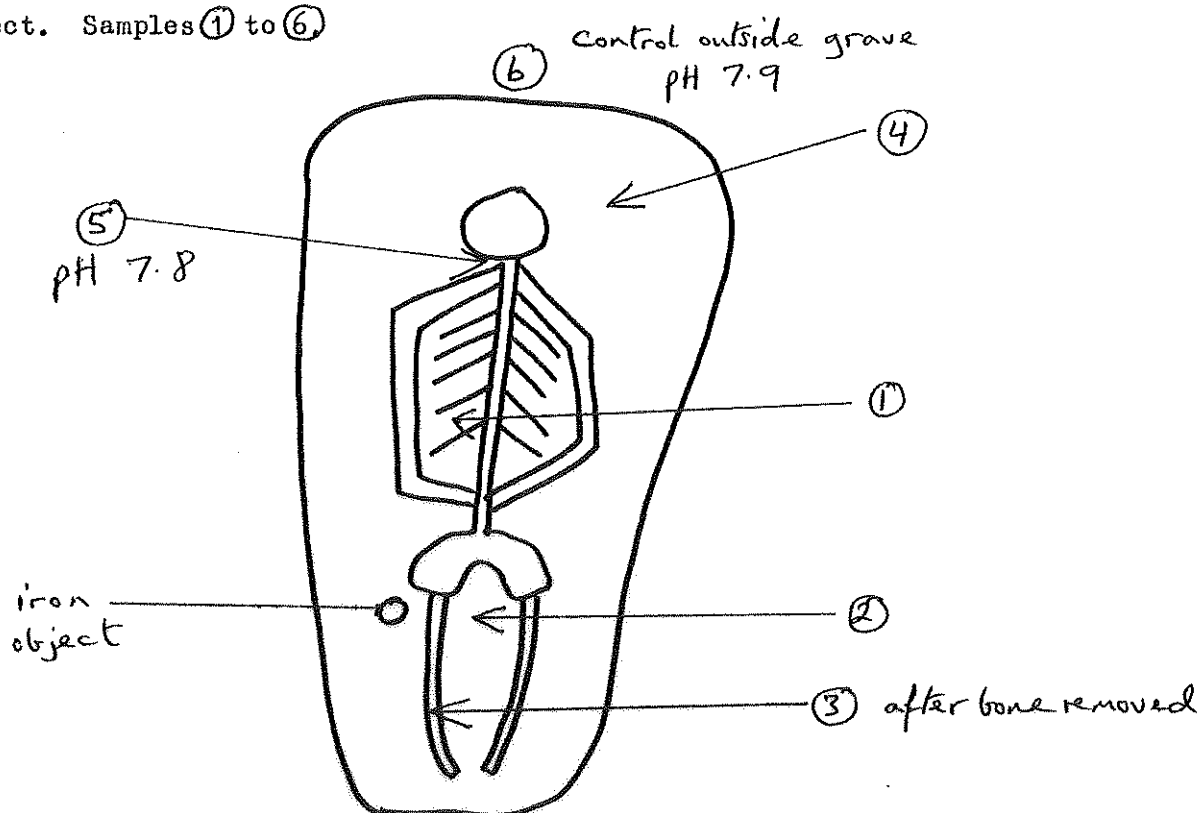
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REPORT ON FIELD VISIT TO TAUNTON, SOMERSET. MARCH 1977

The Central Excavation Unit site of Taunton Priory was visited during March, 1977. Soil samples were taken from two graves in order to study the chemical constituents of soil surrounding well preserved human bone.

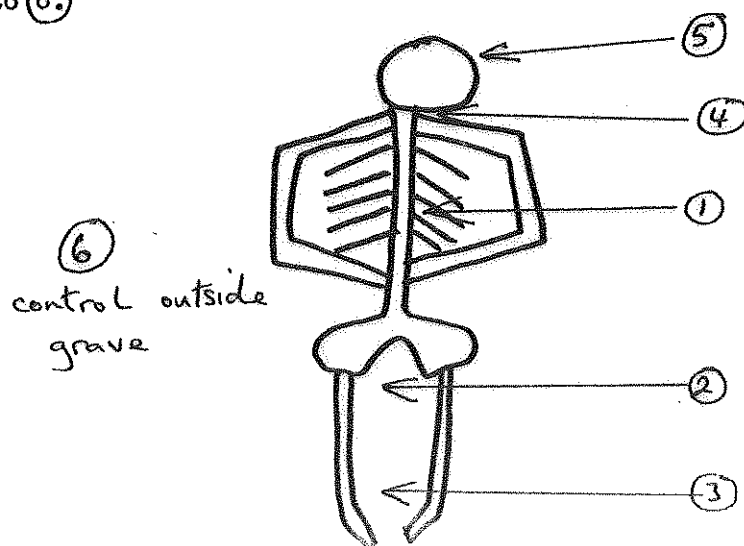
Sampling was as follows:-

Grave 9 - 511 - with coffin and two rows of iron nails top and bottom; also an iron object. Samples ① to ⑥



Grave 9 - 503 - no grave goods, no coffin.

Samples ① to ⑥.



PH determinations:-	outside grave	7.4
	inside grave	8.0
	abdominal region	7.9
	thoracic region	7.8
	cervical region	7.9
	limb area	8.0

These samples have been given to Mr P Taylor (DOE contract worker, Institute of Archaeology) to analyse for phosphorus and certain trace elements. It is hoped that bone samples will be available after they have been worked on by Juliet Rogers. Further soil samples from other graves were taken by CEU members and these will be passed to P Taylor in due course.

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