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SUMMARY

Tree-ring analysis of samples from 100 oak and conifer timbers from different buildings fronting onto Cathedral Yard and the High Street, in Exeter, resulted in the production of one oak site chronology and one conifer site chronology. The oak chronology comprises 42 samples and is 300 rings long. It is dated as spanning the years AD 1337–1636. The conifer chronology comprises three samples and is 154 rings long, but is undated. Two further oak samples were dated individually.

This analysis indicates that the earliest group of timbers are to be found in the rear building of 47 High Street (the possible former kitchen block); a number of timbers here, are likely to have been felled in AD 1479–1504. One, clearly broadly coeval, timber has been dated in the cellar of 47 High Street, which may survive from the original construction of the pair of buildings at 46/47 High Street (previously dated by dendrochronology in 46 High Street to AD 1492–1515). There are, in addition, a few other potentially late fifteenth- or early sixteenth-century timbers plus one mid seventeenth-century timber in the back of this property (in the southern part of a previously independent building in Lamb Alley). The next phase of felling is represented by the roof timbers of 41/42 High Street, these likely to have been felled in the early/mid AD 1560s. The timbers to the rear roof of number 45 High Street are all likely to have been cut in the AD 1630s, with two timbers certainly being felled in AD 1636. The Royal Clarence Hotel contains two timbers that are unlikely to have been felled before the later fifteenth century, as well as one timber that is unlikely to have been felled before the later seventeenth century. 16–17 Cathedral Yard (the Well House Tavern) contains one timber likely to have been felled in the later seventeenth century.

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INTRODUCTION

The Royal Clarence Hotel and the immediately adjoining Well House Tavern (16– 17 Cathedral Yard), along with a group of nine timber-framed, or partially timberframed, properties running from 39 to 47 High Street along the back of the Hotel, and timber-framed buildings at 11–13 St Martin's Lane, form the largest block of historic houses in central Exeter. This close-set and inter-related complex of buildings stand together in a central insula of the City, bounded on the north-west by the High Street; the north-east by St Martin's Lane; the south-east by Cathedral Yard; and to the south-west by the former Lamb Alley (Fig 1). At intervals starting in the 1970s, varying levels of survey and recording have been undertaken on seven of the High Street buildings (all but numbers 39 and 40), mostly during episodes of repair or alteration. This has resulted in a somewhat piece-meal approach to investigation of this historically important part of the urban area (Thorp 2015; Parker and Allan 2015), which revealed that there was far more extant historic fabric than previously understood.

On 29th October 2016, a fire began in a nearby property and, given the intimate nature of this group of buildings and their intertwined layouts, quickly spread to completely engulf the Royal Clarence Hotel and the Well House Tavern (Fig 2), and damage to varying degrees the nearby buildings on the High Street. The near total loss of the Royal Clarence Hotel, and the potential loss of other historic fabric in this part of the town, led to a concerted programme of archaeological survey and recording of these buildings as an adjunct to their proposed conservation, restoration, and repair.

THE BUILDINGS

The brief descriptions of the buildings in this section are largely based on the list entries referenced.

The Royal Clarence Hotel (SX 92071 92649)

An Exeter landmark, the Royal Clarence Hotel, facing mainly onto Cathedral Yard, is believed to have been built to provide Assembly Rooms for the City of Exeter by William Mackworth Praed, *c* AD 1768 (Figs 3 and 4a). Originally of four storeys with a six-window stucco front, it was considerably altered in AD 1827, with bays being added, glazing bars removed, and windows changed. A large porte-cochere partly hides a Tuscan porch. The building has a dentil cornice. The remains of a central porch are still visible, but the front has been altered with the addition of late nineteenth-century iron balconies. The whole is covered by slate roofs. Part of the Hotel faces onto Martin's Lane. In the past there has been little timberwork immediately visible in the Hotel, but occasional works, such as the lifting of floorboards, have revealed some of the main beams. The hotel is listed at Grade II (LEN 1104027).

16–17 Cathedral Yard (The Well House Tavern - SX 92063 92636/SX 92059 92634)

Adjoining the hotel to the south, and now part of it, are two sixteenth- or seventeenth-century timber-framed tenements with five-story gabled plaster fronts, now forming the Well House Tavern (Fig 3). Sash windows were inserted into number 16 in the nineteenth century, and number 17 has a Georgian bow window with glazing bars on the first floor, and splayed oriels with leaded lattice windows above. Subsequent to the fire, the demolition and stabilisation works in this part of the hotel complex in particular, revealed elements of hitherto unknown, or only suspected, timber framing within the ruins (Fig 4b). The two buildings that make up the Well House Tavern are listed separately at Grade II as 16 Cathedral Yard (LEN 116 9713) and 17 Cathedral Yard (LEN 1104028). In 1933 a Roman well was discovered in the basement of number 16.

The High Street buildings

The group of nine properties running from 39 to 47 High Street form the largest block of historic houses now standing on one of Exeter's main streets (Figs 3 and 5). Over the past half century, investigation and recording has been undertaken to seven of these buildings (all but numbers 39 and 40) to varying degrees during episodes of repair or alteration.

41-42 High Street (SX 92047 92667)

The two houses forming numbers 41 and 42 High Street are listed together at Grade II* (LEN1170491). Dendrochronology undertaken in the 1980s (Mills 1988), demonstrated that these were built as a pair, one the mirror-image of the other, each occupying the full width of the narrow burgage plot, with the main block gable-end facing on to the street (Figs 1, 5 and 6). In both houses this main block is two rooms deep and three storeys high, with attics in the roof space and a cellar below. The front rooms are lit from the street, the rear rooms from the narrow courtyard behind. Originally, a two-storey kitchen/service block ran across the back of the properties, joined to the main block by a gallery.

The roofs of both 41 and 42 High Street comprise five bays formed by six principalrafter with tiebeam and collar trusses. The trusses support double purlins to each pitch of the roof, these in turn supporting five to seven common rafters per bay. The gable-end trusses contain close-set studs with rails. There is further timbering to the lower floors comprising partition walls of studs and cross-rails. While the roof spaces are largely empty, the lower floors are used as retail, storage, and staff premises.

In addition to the main building fronting onto the High Street there is a lower range to the rear of number 42, this running at a right angle to the main building. The roof of this portion comprises three principal-rafter with collar trusses, these carrying double purlins. The principal rafters all appear to be of one phase, but some of the collars, and all of the purlins, appear to be later insertions. All the apparently primary timbers appear to be of oak, while some of the later timbers are of conifer or some other softwood. This area is also in retail use.

The Exeter City Historic Environment Record describes these properties as a pair of later sixteenth-century houses built with stone outer walls, timber-framed front wall, and interior partitions, with a central stone chimney stack common to both buildings. The two houses are mirror images of each other on either side of a central dividing wall, with front and rear rooms on each floor of the main blocks. They present gable ends to the street, and each is of four storeys plus cellars. The front and rear walls are jettied out at each floor level, and the side wall contains moulded corbelling reflecting this jettying. Originally, each house had a small courtvard to the rear with detached rear blocks (containing kitchens, inter alia) at the back. Taking the two houses as a pair, some trace of the original late sixteenth-century decorative scheme was recovered from most rooms, and this provides an important and unique aspect of the recording of this house: the rear parlour of number 41 contained a mural of St George and the Dragon, whilst the front chamber of number 42 was painted with a bold design of alternating broad orange and blue stripes, with a frieze containing strapwork cartouches with short Latin homilies or inscriptions. The rear chamber of number 41 also retained an original garderobe niche.

A limited episode of tree-ring dating was undertaken on nine samples obtained from this building when it underwent major structural alterations in the 1970s, although, unfortunately, the original location of the sampled timbers is unknown. The results of this analysis would support the date of 'AD 1564' carved on a wooden doorhead formerly in the building (now in Exeter Museum) and believed to commemorate its construction.

43–45 High Street (SX 92041 92662, SX 92038 92658, SX 92036 92657) The archaeological survey and recording of this insula suggests that 43–44 High Street may be the earliest of the group (Fig 7), dating from the sixteenth century, with both these properties again being built as a single paired structure. They are listed at Grade II separately as 43 High Street (LEN 1103898) and 44 High Street (LEN 1333407), and 45 High Street (LEN 1170494).

The two houses offer a good example of the manner in which the progressive partitioning and flooring of the interior of a medieval town-house provided more space. In the sixteenth century the hall was subdivided into ground- and first-floor rooms (the latter with painted decoration on the roof timbers), and the roof space itself was later pressed into use as a separate room lit by dormers.

In the late-seventeenth or possibly early eighteenth century, number 43 was raised by a full storey and given a new roof. Now underboarded, all that is visible are three principal-rafter trusses with collars, these possibly supporting double purlins. All these timbers are of softwood and may be nineteenth- or even twentieth-century replacements. Although the original roof to number 43 has been lost, number 44 High Street has not been so modified and it retains the arch-braced and smokeblackened roof of a medieval open hall set behind a former chamber on the street front.

There are no other timbers visible in the lower floors of either number 43 or 44, although there are a few timbers set into the walls of the cellar of number 44,

particularly in the partition wall between the two properties (although these are not timbers visible in the cellar of number 43).

On the next plot to the south, number 45 High Street has been built co-joined to number 44, and extends over the site of the former northern end of Lamb Alley (Fig 7). This lane had run to the north side of number 46, right through from Cathedral Yard to the High Street. The north wall of number 46, which was originally exposed to the lane, is decorated with shields, quatrefoils, and other carved decoration, stylistically dated to the early sixteenth century, although this is now only partially visible behind walls to the upstairs rooms of number 45 (Fig 8). Only a short section of Lamb Alley, off Cathedral Yard, now remains.

The roof to the front part of number 45 is totally enclosed by modern softwood boarding to form a useable attic storeroom, and there is no access to any of the timbers which are, in any case, believed to be modern. A rearward section, however, retains a roof comprising several oak common-rafter frames with collars.

To the rear of number 45 (but separated from it by modern in-fill) is a further house, which was originally an independent building in Lamb Alley. At the present time, this Lamb Alley building is divided between numbers 45 and 47 High Street, there being no direct access from one part to the other. The present roof to this part of the building (believed to be a replacement of the original) comprises a single principal-rafter with collar truss with purlins and common rafters.

The present building at 45 High Street, including the medieval tenement fronting on to the High Street and the northern part of the originally independent building in Lamb Alley that now forms part of this property, is listed at Grade II (LEN 1170494).

47 High Street (SX 92030 92651)

As was the case of 41/42 and 43/44 High Street, 46/47 High Street were also built as a single structure constituting a pair of identical houses (Fig 9), both entirely timber-framed in large, close-set, studs tenoned into horizontal rails supported on a low stone wall. While number 46 remained largely unaltered, and was the subject of an earlier programme of dendrochronology (Arnold and Howard 2009a), number 47 has undergone a number of changes and additions, particularly in respect of its current use as a retail outlet. Any timbering it retains is hidden behind later additions and decorative finishes. There are, however, a few timbers to the cellar beneath the forward part of this property.

Both numbers 46 and 47 originally consisted of a block containing a shop on the street frontage, with domestic accommodation of three storeys behind each. Both houses had a small rear courtyard within which stood a subsidiary building probably containing kitchens. These kitchen blocks and the rear courtyards were probably once accessible via Lamb Alley. The rear building of number 46 has been demolished but that to number 47 still survives.

In the late-seventeenth century this rear kitchen block was radically altered with the insertion of two new floors and a new elevation to the courtyard. At this time this block was also linked to number 47 by a gallery at first- and second-floor level (the first-floor gallery now being enclosed). This block retains the remains of a lower roof truss comprising parts of two principal rafters and a collar (possibly with other timbers), above which is a higher truss with at least one principal rafter, a collar, and possibly a tiebeam. All of these timbers are of oak. The other principal rafter to the upper truss is conifer. In addition, there is a shallow cellar giving limited access to the timbers of the ground-floor frame of this part of the building.

Further to the rear, beyond the kitchen block of number 47, is the southern part of the once independent house in Lamb Alley now shared with number 45 High Street. In the eighteenth century this part of the Lamb Alley house was fully incorporated into the forward parts of number 47 to make a virtually continuous front-to-rear range. The present roof to this part of the building (again believed to be a replacement of the original) comprises three principal-rafter with collar trusses, with purlins, and several common rafters, there being clear evidence, by way of redundant peg holes, mortices, and tennons etc, for the reuse here of timber, possibly from the original roof, but possibly also from other structures.

The present building at 47 High Street, including the medieval tenement fronting on to the High Street with its rear building, and the southern part of the originally independent building in Lamb Alley that now forms part of this property, is listed at Grade II (LEN 1170497). The adjacent 46 High Street is listed at Grade II* (LEN 1103899), but no further dendrochronological investigation was deemed necessary as part of this study.

SAMPLING

As part of the proposed conservation, restoration, and repair work following the devastating fire, dendrochronological analysis of salvaged *ex situ* structural timbers and framing elements from the Royal Clarence Hotel and the Well House Tavern was requested by Rhiannon Rhys, Inspector of Historic Buildings and Areas, Historic England). This was subsequently extended to encompass *in situ* timbers in several of the other buildings within this close-set and inter-related complex that suffered lesser damage. This work was undertaken in order to attempt to provide independent dating evidence for previously identified historic timber-framing, as well as timber-framing newly revealed following the fire, thus enhancing understanding and helping to inform the programme of repair and conservation.

With these objectives in mind, as many timbers as possible were retrieved from the charred remains of the Royal Clarence Hotel, labelled with a timber (tag) number, and set aside (Fig 10a). Even though the exact original location of individual timbers could be slightly uncertain because of the severity of the fire and the conditions of the demolition process, it was generally possible to identify their likely positions. This assemblage is believed to represent main beams, common joists, and possibly roof timbers throughout the building.

Those timbers which were beyond conservation were then cut, by the on-site contractors, into smaller more manageable sections, each retaining the timber number. These smaller sections were then collected and taken to the Nottingham Tree-Ring Dating Laboratory. These included samples from 17 *ex situ* conifer timbers and six *ex situ* oak (*Quercus* sp) timbers (Fig 10b). A further four oak samples were taken in the form of cores from *in situ* oak timbers in the framing of the Well House Tavern (16–17 Cathedral Yard). In total, therefore, 27 samples were obtained from the Royal Clarence Hotel/Well House Tavern complex. Each of these samples was given the code EXT-L (for Exeter, site 'L'), and numbered 01–27.

In respect of the High Street buildings, investigative opening-up and preparatory repair works provided greater access to the timber-framing of these properties, these between them providing a total of 73 oak core samples. Each of these samples was given the code EXT-M (for Exeter, site 'M'), and numbered 01–73.

Where possible, the location of the samples was recorded at the time of coring either by location on plans provided, or on sketch plans, or as photographs. These location drawings and photographs are shown here as Figures 11, 12a–c, 13, 14a–i, and 15a–m. The exception to this recording appertains to the salvaged timbers from the Royal Clarence Hotel. While the general location of some of these timbers might be known (see Fig 3 and Table 1), the exact locations may be uncertain. For the purposes of this report all location plans, drawings, and photographs, and any descriptions have been given a 'site north', this being to Martin's Lane. Cathedral Yard lies to 'site east' and the High Street to 'site west'.

ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

Each of the 100 samples obtained from the timbers within the various buildings was prepared by sanding and polishing. It was seen at this time that two of the 17 conifer samples from the Royal Clarence Hotel had fewer than the minimum of 60 rings here deemed necessary for the reliable dating of conifer, while three of the 10 oak samples from the Royal Clarence Hotel and Wellhouse Tavern had fewer than the 40 rings here deemed necessary for the reliable dating of oak. These samples were thus not subject to further analysis. In addition, 13 of the 73 oak samples from the High Street buildings also had too few rings for the reliable dating of oak, and they were similarly excluded from analysis. The annual growth ring widths of the remaining 15 conifer samples and the 67 oak samples were, however, measured, these data being given at the end of this report.

The 67 measured oak ring-width series were then compared with each other by the Litton/Zainodin grouping procedure (see Appendix), as were the 15 measured conifer ring-width series. This comparative process resulted in the production of a single oak site chronology and a single conifer site chronology.

Oak site chronology

The cross-matching oak group comprises 42 samples, two of them from the Royal Clarence Hotel/Well House Tavern complex, the remainder from the buildings of the High Street, these samples grouping at a minimum value of t=3.6. These 42 cross-matching samples were combined at their indicated offset positions to form EXTMSQ01, a site chronology with an overall length of 300 rings. Site chronology EXTMSQ01 was then compared to an extensive corpus of reference chronologies for oak, this indicating a consistent and repeated high level of cross-matching with a whole series of these when the date of its first measured ring is AD 1337 and the date of its last measured ring is AD 1636 (Table 2).

Site chronology EXTMSQ01 was then compared with the 23 remaining measured but ungrouped oak samples, but there was no further satisfactory cross-matching. Each of the 23 remaining ungrouped oak samples was, therefore, compared individually to the full corpus of reference chronologies. This indicated a consistent and repeated cross-match for two further individual samples, EXT-L18 (from the Royal Clarence Hotel/Well House Tavern complex), its 51 rings dated as spanning the years AD 1398 to AD 1448 (Table 3), and sample EXT-L22 (also from the Royal Clarence Hotel/Well House Tavern complex), its 90 rings dated as spanning the years AD 1367 to AD 1456 (Table 4).

The relative positions of all 44 dated oak samples are shown in simple last measured ring date order in the bar diagram, Figure 16.

Conifer site chronology

The conifer site chronology comprises three samples, these grouping at a minimum value of t=6.2. These three cross-matching conifer ring-width series were combined at their indicated offset positions to form EXTPSQ01, a site chronology with an overall length of 154 rings (Fig 17). Site chronology EXTPSQ01 was then compared to the full corpus of reference chronologies for conifers, but there was no satisfactory cross-matching, and the sequence must, therefore, remain undated.

Site chronology EXTPSQ01 was then compared with the 12 remaining measured but ungrouped conifer samples, but there was no further satisfactory crossmatching. Each of the 12 remaining ungrouped conifer samples were, therefore, compared individually to the full corpus of reference chronologies for conifers, but there was no satisfactory cross-matching and all these individual samples must, therefore, remain undated.

INTERPRETATION

Of the 67 oak samples which were measured, 42 have been dated as components of site chronology EXTMSQ01, with two further single samples being dated individually. However, none of the 15 measured conifer samples has dated. Figure 18 shows all dated samples, sorted by individual buildings/areas in last measured ring date order, showing felling dates, estimated felling date ranges, or *terminus post quem* dates for felling. For the sake of completeness, Figure 18 includes the

dated samples from 41 High Street and 46 High Street obtained in the earlier programmes of tree-ring analysis in the 1980s (Bridge 1983; Mills 1988; Arnold and Howard 2009a), having been reanalysed.

Where a sample retains complete sapwood out to the bark surface, that is, it has the last ring produced by the tree before it was cut down, the last measured ring date on the sample is the felling date of the tree (this being denoted by upper case 'C' in Table 1 and the bar diagrams). In some cases, due to its soft and fragile nature, while the timber does have complete sapwood on it, all or part of this sapwood can be lost from the sample during coring (this being denoted by lower case 'c'). In such instances, taking into account the date of the last extant sapwood ring on the sample, and the length of the lost sapwood section, and the number of sapwood rings this might have contained, the approximate felling date of the timber can be estimated with reasonable certainty.

Where sapwood is not complete (either on the core or on the sampled timber), but where the sample retains some sapwood or at least the heartwood/sapwood boundary (the latter denoted by 'h/s' in Table 1 and the bar diagrams), a 95% confidence interval of 15–40 sapwood rings is employed to calculate the likely felling date range of the timber, taking into account, of course, the date of the last extant sapwood ring on the sample. It is of course possible that a few timbers could have fewer than the usual minimum of 15 and more than the usual maximum of 40 sapwood rings.

Where a sample retains neither sapwood nor the heartwood/sapwood boundary, a number of 15 (the likely lower limit of the possible sapwood range) is added to the last extant heartwood ring date to indicate a *terminus post quem* date for felling (ie a date after which the timber was felled).

The Royal Clarence Hotel

The earliest timbers from the Royal Clarence Hotel are represented by samples EXT-L18 and EXT-L22, these having last ring dates of AD 1448 and AD 1456 respectively. Neither sample, however, retains the heartwood/sapwood boundary and, given that the timbers could have gone on growing for many years after their last extant heartwood rings dates, it is not possible to suggest when the source trees might have been felled. However, allowing for a minimum of 15 sapwood rings, this would suggest that the respective timbers were felled after AD 1463 and AD 1471.

A later Royal Clarence Hotel timber is represented by EXT-L21. This sample has a last ring date of AD 1632, but is again without the heartwood/sapwood boundary. Using the same minimum sapwood estimate as above indicates that this timber was felled after AD 1647.

16–17 Cathedral Yard (The Well House Tavern)

One timber, EXT-L23, from the Well House Tavern has dated, this having a last ring date of AD 1636. With three sapwood rings, the heartwood/sapwood boundary is dated to AD 1633. Using the usual 95% confidence interval of 15–40 for the

number of sapwood rings expected, produces an estimated felling date in the range of AD 1648–73 for this timber.

The High Street Buildings

Interpretation of the results of this study includes consideration of the results of previous programmes of dendrochronology in 41 High Street (Bridge 1983; Mills 1988) and 46 High Street (Arnold and Howard 2009a).

41–42 High Street

The roof timbers of the main roofs of 41–42 High Street, thought to be built as a pair, have produced 17 dated samples. At least one sample, EXT-M60, retains nearcomplete sapwood with a last extant ring date of AD 1561. Another sample, EXT-M61, has a last measured ring date of 1554, but has probably no more than 10 unmeasured sapwood rings, the sapwood possibly being complete to the bark surface. Taking into account the dates of the last measured rings, and the lost or unmeasured sapwood rings, would suggest that these two timbers were felled in the early/mid AD 1560s. Such a date accords well with the results obtained during the earlier, but limited, episode of tree-ring dating undertaken on samples from timbers of unknown location within this building (Bridge 1983; Mills 1988), although this would suggest that sample HS04 has fewer than the usual 95% confidence interval minimum of 15 sapwood rings.

The average date of the surviving heartwood/sapwood boundary rings on the other eight samples from this pair of roofs is AD 1538; the overall variation being from AD 1529 (EXT-M58 and EXT-M59) to AD 1547 (EXT-M70). Using the same sapwood estimates as above 15–40 rings, would give these timbers an estimated felling date in the range AD 1553–78. It will be seen that this date range includes the early/mid AD 1560s felling date identified for the two timbers discussed above.

Although there are a few timbers that are without the heartwood/sapwood boundary, and which in theory could have gone on growing for many years after their last extant heartwood ring dates, this appears unlikely based on the overall levels of cross-matching obtained between this group timbers. In addition all of the timbers sampled here are integral to each other and could not have been inserted later unless a major programme of reconstruction and resetting of the roofs occurred. As such, it is highly likely that these timbers were also felled in the early/mid AD 1560s as well.

The three timbers sampled from the roof of the rear range of 42 High Street could not be dated.

43–45 High Street

None of the 14 samples from the roof of 44 High Street and the cellar partition wall between 43 and 44 have dated, only four of these samples actually having sufficient numbers of rings to merit measurement.

The rear roof to number 45 High Street has, however, provided 11 dated samples. Two of these samples, EXT-M16 and EXT-M25, retain complete sapwood. In both cases this last complete sapwood ring, and thus the felling of the trees, is AD 1636. Two other samples, EXT-M22 and EXT-M23, retain near-complete sapwood. Taking their last extant sapwood ring dates into account, and allowing for the number of rings the lost sapwood is likely to have contained, it is very likely that the trees these two samples represent were felled in, or about, AD 1636 as well.

The date of the heartwood/sapwood boundary on the other five samples of this group on which it survives is somewhat varied, ranging from as early as AD 1566 on sample EXT-M20 to as late as AD 1597 on sample EXT-M24. This could suggest that some timbers have been felled at different times (though there is no evidence in this roof for the reuse of older timbers or the insertion of later ones). For example, in the two cases highlighted here (and using the standard sapwood estimate), EXT-M20 would normally have a felling date range of AD 1581 to AD 1606, and EXT-M24 a felling date range of AD 1612 to AD 1637; it will thus be seen that the expected felling date ranges of these two timbers do not even overlap with each other.

However, as may be seen from Table 1, at least three samples in this roof have more sapwood rings than to usual 95% confidence interval maximum (40); sample EXT-M16 has 66 sapwood rings, EXT-M19 has at least 52 (allowing for both the measured and unmeasured surviving sapwood rings), EXT-M20 has at least 42 sapwood rings, and EXT-M25 has 42 sapwood rings. Thus, while one or two timbers might have been felled slightly earlier than AD 1636 (though still in the early seventeenth century), it would appear that this group of timbers is relatively unusual in having more sapwood rings than generally found, and thus it is likely that most dated timbers from this roof were felled in the AD 1630s.

47 High Street

Of the 25 samples from the various parts of 47 High Street which were measured, 12 have successfully dated.

As described above, 46/47 High Street, like 41/42 and 43/44, was originally built as a single structure constituting a pair of houses. Thus, although no timbers of the original roof or floor frames in 47 High Street could be sampled, the original construction probably occurred using timbers felled in AD 1492–1516, as suggested by previous a previous dendrochronological study of 46 High Street (Arnold and Howard 2009a). This study dated 25 contemporaneous timbers from the roof, first-floor frame, and second-floor frame of this building.

One of the two samples taken from the main floor-frame beams in the cellar of 47 High Street, EXT-M47, has also dated. With nine sapwood rings and a heartwood/sapwood boundary date of AD 1472, this timber has an estimated felling date in the range AD 1487–1512 and so is probably a survival of the primary construction.

A group of eight dated samples from the roof of the rear building appear to form a coherent group. None of these eight samples retains complete sapwood so a precise felling date cannot be provided. Six of them, however, retain some sapwood or at least the heartwood/sapwood boundary, the average date of this being AD 1464. Using the same sapwood estimates as above would give these timbers an estimated felling date in the range AD 1479 to AD 1504. The two remaining samples of this group, EXT-M27 and EXT-M33 have no heartwood/sapwood boundary. Taking their last extant heartwood rings dates, and allowing for a minimum of 15 sapwood rings in each case, EXT-M33 was felled after AD 1450, whilst EXT-M27 was felled after AD 1451. This, combined with the overall level of cross-matching within the group of timbers suggests that they are likely to be coeval with the AD 1479–1504 felling date range identified. It is possible, therefore, that the roof of the rear building at 47 High Street is also a survival from the primary construction of the pair of houses at 46/47 High Street.

Three samples have been dated from the roof over what was originally the southern part of a separate building in Lamb Alley, but which is now part of 47 High Street. Two of these samples, EXT-M43 and EXT-MM44, are without the heartwood/sapwood boundary, and it is not possible to provide a precise felling date. However, with respectively last heartwood ring dates of AD 1408 and AD 1444, and allowing for a minimum of 15 sapwood rings in each case, EXT-M43 was felled after AD 1423, and EXT-M44 after AD 1459. A further sample from this roof, EXT-M41, is much later, having a heartwood/sapwood boundary, ring date of AD 1624. Using the usual sapwood estimate an estimated felling date in the range AD 1639–64 is obtained for this timber.

Three timbers sampled from the cellar beneath the Lamb Alley building (south) could not be dated.

CONCLUSIONS AND DISCUSSION

Ring-width dendrochronology has resulted in the production of a single dated oak site chronology, accounting for a total of 42 samples, and dated a further two single oak samples individually.

Interpretation of the sapwood and the heartwood/sapwood boundaries on the dated samples indicates that the earliest timbers are to be found in the rear building of 47 High Street (the possible former kitchen block). A number of timbers here are likely to have been felled in the late-fifteenth century, or possibly in the very early sixteenth century. The structural relationship of the timbers to the present building, and the relationship of this rear building to the forward parts of 47 High Street may need further investigation, but the dating obtained here could possibly suggest that this rear building was constructed just prior to the house fronting onto the High Street.

Such an interpretation is based on survey evidence which shows that number 47 High Street was built as one of a pair with number 46, the timbers for which, following an extensive programmed of dendrochronology, were shown to have been felled in the period 1492–1515 (Arnold and Howard 2009a). Timberwork from this period also appears to survive in the cellar of number 47. The tree-ring analysis for such a date is supported by the early sixteenth-century stylistic evidence of the moulding and carving to the side of number 46, obscured when number 45 was built.

There are, in addition, two other potentially late fifteenth- or early sixteenth-century timbers, these being in the roof of the Lamb Alley building; although this does also contain one mid seventeenth-century timber, which possibly reflects the disparate nature of this roof with clear signs of reuse of timber.

The next phase of felling is represented by the roof timbers of 41/42 High Street, these likely to have been felled in the early/mid AD 1560s. The tree-ring dating obtained in this programme of analysis is in keeping with that obtained by Mills (1988), and with the carved date 'AD 1564' on the commemorative doorhead from this building, which is now in Exeter Museum. As such, this date is very much in line with the belief that merchants' houses of this type in Exeter were built from about the middle of the sixteenth century to the later seventeenth century; 41/42 High Street being a particularly good example of the type.

A still later phase of felling is represented by the timbers to the rear roof of number 45 High Street. Although there might be a little variation in the felling date of these timbers, they are all likely to have been cut in the AD 1630s, two timbers certainly being felled in AD 1636. The dating obtained here might indicate a general date when the rear, and perhaps older, parts of the High Street buildings began to be updated or repaired.

Although their exact original locations are uncertain, the Royal Clarence Hotel would appear to contain at least two timbers that were felled no earlier than the later fifteenth century, as well as one timber that was felled no earlier than the latter half of the seventeenth century. The two earlier timbers clearly have *terminus post quem* dates for felling that are broadly coeval with timbers from 46 and 47 High Street, whilst the later timber appears broadly coeval with a single timber from the Lamb Alley roof and a single timber from the Well House Tavern. Although based on only three timbers from the Royal Clarence Hotel, this could be taken as evidence that there might have been an earlier building on this site, from which timbers were reused during construction of the hotel in *c* AD 1768.

Similarly, the presence of the mid/late seventeenth century stud in the Well House Tavern (16–17 Cathedral Yard), may again provide some indication of the presence of early fabric in the building, although this is with the proviso of only one timber having been dated.

Woodland sources

Although site chronology EXTMSQ01 has been compared with reference material from all over Britain, there is a strong tendency for it to show the highest levels of similarity with reference chronologies comprising of data from timbers in other buildings in Devon and its surrounding counties and, as is commonly seen for

buildings in Devon, up into the West Midlands region (Table 2). Although the exact woodland sources of the timbers used at these reference sites are themselves unknown, the trend of this cross-matching suggests that the dated timbers used in this complex of buildings in Exeter were obtained from relatively local woodland sources.

The location of the woodland sources for the timbers represented by samples EXT-L18 and EXT-L22 is less clear but is likely hampered by the fact that they are individual series' carrying less climatic information than a well-replicated master chronology such as EXTMSQ01. There is, however, a tendency for the highest levels of similarity to be found with reference chronologies from the south-west and midlands regions.

Wherever the sources, it would appear that some of the dated timbers in these buildings have been derived from the same tree, or possibly from trees growing close to each other in the same woodland. The former is particularly well represented by samples EXT-M17, EXT-M19, EXT-M20, and EXT-M21, all from the rear roof of 45 High Street, which cross-match with each other with *t*-values ranging from 7.7 and 8.8, to as high as 10.6 and 11.4. Possible same-tree matches are also found between sample EXT-M55, from the roof of 41 High Street, and EXT-M66, from the roof of 42 High Street. These samples cross-match with a value of t=10.0. These roofs also provide examples of possible same-stand trees (neighbouring tree) matches, with samples EXT-M58 and EXT-M60 (both to the roof of number 41), matching with a value of t=8.0, and samples EXT-M62 and EXT-M70 (both to the roof to number 42), matching with a value of t=8.4. A similar match is found between samples EXT-M26 and EXT-M34, both from the rear building to 47 High Street, which match with a value of t=8.2.

Ungrouped/undated timbers

Of the 15 conifer samples which were measured, 12 remain both ungrouped and undated, this despite most of them having quite sufficient number of rings for reliable dating, with one sample, EXT-L12, having 234 rings. Conifers, however, are a much more difficult timber to date than oak, usually requiring more extensive sampling to overcome potential issues with multiple sources of imported timber. It appears likely that the timbers represented by the samples obtained here are of different phases, and hence may well be from different sources. However, this data will be reviewed periodically, and it is possible that as the overall corpus of conifer data increases, that these samples will be cross-matched and dated either through standard ring-width data or, as the technique is developed, through blue intensity dendrochronology.

Similarly, a total of 23 measured oak samples also remain both ungrouped and undated. Again, it will be seen from Table 1 that while some of these samples have slightly lower numbers of rings, most, in theory, have sufficient numbers for satisfactory dating, the longest undated oak sample, EXT-M45, having 114 rings. Few of these sample, furthermore, show any problems such as compression or distortion of rings which might make cross-matching difficult. It is possible that some of these timbers are from sources, or grew during periods, for which there is currently insufficient reference data available to provide adequate cross-matching as, although Devon is now well represented with respect to reference chronologies for the last millennium, it is known that some discrete areas within the county remain problematic. It is perhaps also possible that some of the sampled areas contain timbers of different dates, some perhaps being older timbers reused, or later timbers inserted; for example the timbers to the roof of the Lamb Alley building show evidence of reuse. If this were so, it would make such samples 'singletons', and while single samples can sometimes be dated (as with samples EXT-M18 and EXT-M22), it is often more difficult than with groups of samples which supply well replicated site chronologies. The lack of dating does not, however, prove that a timber is of a different date. It is, however, a common, if inexplicable, feature of treering analysis to find that some samples will not date. This undated material will be reviewed periodically as further reference chronologies become available and these timbers may, in due course, also be dated.

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Table 1: Details of the tree-ring samples from the Royal Clarence Hotel and 16–17 Cathedral Yard (the Well House Tavern), 41–42 High Street, 43–45 High Street, and 47 High Street, Exeter, Devon (all samples are oak unless otherwise specified)

Sample	Sample location	Total rings	Sapwood	First measured	Last heartwood	Last measured
number			rings	ring date AD	ring date AD	ring date AD
Royal Clarence Hotel/Well House Tavern (ex situ conifer slices)						
EXT-L01	Timber 18a/b, bridging beam 2 from third floor,	185+20nm	73+20nm			
	Zone 5					
EXT-L02	Timber 23, bridging beam from second floor,	104	44			
	Zone 5					
EXT-L03	Timber 24, bridging beam from second floor,	94	68			
	Zone 5					
EXT-L04	Timber 28 (conifer), tie beam from roof, Zone 1	nm				
EXT-L05	Zone 6, St Martin's Lane	123	h/s			
EXT-L06	Timber 40, bridging beam, zone 5	69	20			
EXT-L07	Timber 47, bridging beam, zone 5 (first floor?)	73	43			
FYT-I 08	Timber 58, wall plate, Zone 1, second floor north	104	40			
	gable					
EXT-L09	Timber 62, post, zone 1, third floor	nm				
EXT-L10	Timber 66, timber frame, zone 1	107	no h/s			
EXT-L11	Timber 69, bridging beam, zone 1	154	no h/s			
EXT-L12	Timber 70, bridging beam, zone 1, second floor	234	94			
EXT-L13	Timber 73, bridging beam, zone 2	151	no h/s			
EXT-L14	Timber 75, bridging beam, zone 3	154	64			
EXT-L15	Timber 81, bridging beam, zone 4, ground floor	97	no h/s			
EXT-L16	Timber 79, floor joist, zone 2	82	no h/s			
EXT-L17	Zone 6, St Martin's Lane, roof truss	57	27			
Royal Clare	ence Hotel/Well House Tavern (ex situ oak slices)					
FYT-I 19	Zone 3, Clarence Hotel, second floor NE room,	51	no h/s	1398		1448
LA1-L10	joist					

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EXT-L19	Zone 3, Clarence Hotel second floor NW room, joist	75	h/s			
EXT-L20	Zone 1, second floor, timber 74, bridging beam	91	20C			
EXT-L21	Zone 1, second floor, timber 85, stud	116	no h/s	1517		1632
EXT-L22	Zone 3, timber 39, bridging beam	90	no h/s	1367		1456
EXT-L23	Zone 1, second floor, Well House, un-numbered	94	3	1543	1633	1636
	frame, top rail					
Well House	Tavern (in situ oak cores)					-
EXT-L24	Zone 1, Well House, tiebeam to south truss	64	h/s			
EXT-L25	Zone 1, Well House, north principal rafter to	nm				
	south truss					
EXT-L26	Zone 1, Well House, collar to south truss	nm				
EXT-L27	Zone 1, Well House, stud post to south truss	nm				
41 High Str	reet (roof)					
EXT-M51	South lower purlin, truss 1–2	75	4	1468	1538	1542
EXT-M52	South principal rafter, truss 2	57	h/s	1482	1538	1538
EXT-M53	North principal rafter, truss 3	nm				
EXT-M54	South principal rafter, truss 3	65	h/s	1479	1543	1543
EXT-M55	South pad block, truss 3	92	no h/s	1378		1469
EXT-M56	South principal rafter, truss 4	104	no h/s	1397		1500
EXT-M57	South upper purlin, truss 4–5	100	no h/s	1416		1515
EXT-M58	South principal rafter, truss 5	113	9	1426	1529	1538
EXT-M59	North lower purlin, truss 5–6	55	10	1485	1529	1539
EXT-M60	North principal rafter, truss 6	87	20c	1475	1541	1561
42 High Str	reet (roof)				·	
EXT-M61	North upper purlin, truss 2–3	132+10nm	24+10nmc	1423	1530	1554
EXT-M62	North wall plate, truss 2–3	89	9	1464	1543	1552
EXT-M63	South principal rafter, truss 2	115	no h/s	1414		1528
EXT-M64	North principal rafter, truss 3	108	21	1450	1536	1557
EXT-M65	South principal rafter, truss 3	94	no h/s	1411		1504
EXT-M66	North pad block, truss 3	116	no h/s	1378		1493
EXT-M67	North principal rafter, truss 4	48	no h/s			

EXT-M68	South principal rafter, truss 4	65	no h/s					
EXT-M69	North upper purlin, truss 4–5	107	no h/s	1413		1519		
EXT-M70	North upper purlin, truss 5–6	104	h/s	1444	1547	1547		
42 High Street (rear range)								
EXT-M71	West principal rafter, truss 1	42	no/hs					
EXT-M72	West principal rafter, truss 2	46	h/s					
EXT-M73	West principal rafter, truss 3	63	h/s					
43/44 Higl	ı Street (cellar walls)							
EXT-M09	Horizontal wall beam	83	h/s					
EXT-M10	Main vertical post 1	74	no h/s					
EXT-M11	Pad beam	nm						
EXT-M12	Stud post 1 (east)	nm						
EXT-M13	Stud post 4 (west)	nm						
EXT-M14	Main vertical post 2 (to south wall)	nm						
44 High St	reet (roof)		•	·				
EXT-M01	North principal rafter, truss 1 (from east)	nm						
EXT-M02	South principal rafter, truss 2	89	8					
EXT-M03	North principal rafter, truss 3	nm						
EXT-M04	South principal rafter, truss 3	46	no h/s					
EXT-M05	Collar, truss 3	nm						
EXT-M06	North principal rafter, truss 4	nm						
EXT-M07	South principal rafter, truss 4	41	no h/s					
EXT-M08	Collar, truss 4	nm						
45 High St	reet (rear roof)	•		•				
EXT-M15	North rafter, frame 3 (from east)	59	h/s	1538	1596	1596		
EXT-M16	North rafter, frame 4	171	66C	1466	1570	1636		
EXT-M17	South rafter, frame 5	108	no h/s	1456		1563		
EXT-M18	South rafter, frame 6	91	no h/s	1467		1557		
EXT-M19	North rafter, frame 8	120+15nm	37+15nm	1492	1574	1611		
EXT-M20	South rafter, frame 8	149	42	1460	1566	1608		
EXT-M21	South rafter, frame 9	146	31	1459	1573	1604		
EXT-M22	North rafter, frame 11	70	25c	1565	1609	1634		

EXT-M23	North rafter, frame 12	118	31c	1505	1591	1622	
EXT-M24	South rafter, frame 16	130	3	1471	1597	1600	
EXT-M25	North rafter, frame 17	94	42C	1543	1594	1636	
47 High Street (cellar)							
EXT-M46	Main east floor-frame beam (below no 47)	58	13C				
EXT-M47	Main west floor-frame beam (below no 47)	140	9	1342	1472	1481	
47 High Str	reet (rear building)						
EXT-M26	West principal rafter, upper truss 1 (to north wall)	114	13	1357	1457	1470	
EXT-M27	Collar, upper truss 1	81	no h/s	1356		1436	
EXT-M28	West principal rafter, upper truss 2 (to south wall)	73	h/s	1386	1458	1458	
EXT-M29	East principal rafter, upper truss 2	92	h/s	1379	1470	1470	
EXT-M30	West post, upper truss 2	90	h/s	1377	1466	1466	
EXT-M31	East post, upper truss 2	nm					
EXT-M32	West principal rafter, lower truss (to north wall)	53	no h/s				
EXT-M33	East principal rafter, lower truss	63	no h/s	1373		1435	
EXT-M34	Collar, lower truss	81	h/s	1383	1463	1463	
EXT-M35	Tiebeam, lower truss	54	h/s				
EXT-M36	West lower purlin	70	h/s	1402	1471	1471	
47 High Str	reet (Lamb Alley building (south), roof)	•	•	•			
EXT-M37	South principal rafter, truss 1	nm					
EXT-M38	South principal rafter, truss 2	58	26C				
EXT-M39	Collar, truss 1	61	18				
EXT-M40	Collar, truss 2	60	18				
EXT-M41	South upper purlin, truss 1–2	56	h/s	1569	1624	1624	
EXT-M42	South lower purlin, truss 2 – west wall	91	12				
EXT-M43	North lower purlin, truss $1 - 2$	72	no h/s	1337		1408	
EXT-M44	North upper purlin, truss 1 – 2	87	no h/s	1358		1444	
EXT-M45	North principal rafter, truss 1	114	38C				
47 High Str	reet (Lamb Alley building (south), cellar)		•				
EXT-M48	Main floor-frame beam below Lamb Alley	43	no h/s				

	building				
EXT-M49	West floor joist 3 below Lamb Alley building	40	7	 	
EXT-M50	West floor joist 7 below Lamb Alley building	nm		 	

h/s = the heartwood/sapwood boundary is the last ring on the sample; C = complete sapwood is retained on the sample, the last measured ring date is the felling date of the tree represented; c = complete sapwood exists on the sampled timber, but all or part of it has been lost from the sample in coring; the likely felling date may be estimated; nm = not measured

Table 2: Results of the cross-matching of site chronology EXTMSQ01 and relevant reference chronologies when the first ring date is AD 1337 and the last ring is dated AD 1636

Reference chronology	Span of chronology	<i>t</i> -value	Reference
Holcombe Court, Holcombe Rogus, Devon	AD 1349 – 1536	11.1	Miles and Bridge 2012
Pendennis Castle, nr Falmouth, Cornwall	AD 1358 – 1541	10.4	Tyers 2004
Warleigh House, Tamerton Foliot, Devon	AD 1367 – 1539	10.0	Howard <i>et al</i> 2006
Yarde Farm, Malborough, South Hams, Devon	AD 1432 – 1603	9.8	Arnold and Howard 2009b
Sydenham House, Marystow, Devon	AD 1266 – 1629	9.7	Arnold <i>et al</i> 2015
St John's Walk, Hereford Cathedral, Herefordshire	AD 1356 – 1504	9.3	Arnold and Howard 2015 unpubl
Muchelney Abbey, Somerset	AD 1148 – 1498	9.2	Bridge 2002
White House, Vowchurch, Herefordshire	AD 1364 – 1602	9.1	Nayling 1999
Poltimore House, Poltimore, Devon	AD 1380 – 1559	9.0	Arnold <i>et al</i> 2005
St Andrew's Church, Alwington, Devon	AD 1342 – 1490	8.8	Arnold and Howard 2009c

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Table 3: Results of the cross-matching of sample EXT-L18 and relevant reference chronologies when the first ring date is AD 1398 and the last ring is dated AD 1448

Reference chronology	Span of chronology	<i>t</i> -value	Reference
1–3 North Gate, Newark, Nottinghamshire	AD 1339 – 1523	6.6	Arnold and Howard 2009 unpubl
Lower Brockhampton Manor, Bromyard, Herefordshire	AD 1304 – 1543	6.5	Arnold and Howard 2014 unpubl
Headstone Manor barn, Harrow, Middlesex	AD 1374 – 1505	6.2	Howard <i>et al</i> 2000
Barn, Kings Pyon, Herefordshire	AD 1346 – 1480	6.0	Groves and Hillam 1993
Village Hall, Cradley, Herefordshire	AD 1347 – 1530	5.9	Worthington and Miles 2004
3 Vicars Close, Lichfield, Staffordshire	AD 1350 – 1438	5.9	Arnold <i>et al</i> 2002
New House Farm, Moccas, Herefordshire	AD 1350 – 1584	5.4	Arnold and Howard 2013 unpubl
St Bartholowmew's Church, Lower Sapey, Worcestershire	AD 1370 – 1507	5.4	Tyers 1995
Warsop Old Hall, Church Warsop, Nottinghamshire	AD 1382 – 1643	5.4	Arnold and Howard 2018 unpubl
Lower Brockhampton gatehouse, Bromyard, Herefordshre	AD 1368 – 1543	5.2	Nayling 2001

Table 4: Results of the cross-matching of sample EXT-L22 and relevant reference chronologies when the first ring date is AD 1367 and the last ring is dated AD 1456

Reference chronology	Span of chronology	<i>t</i> -value	Reference
Leicester Free Grammar School, High Cross Street, Leicester	AD 1337 – 1446	7.2	Arnold and Howard 2005 unpubl
46 High Street, Exeter, Devon	AD 1309 – 1491	6.8	Arnold and Howard 2009a
Keynedon Barton, Devon	AD 1405 – 1478	6.6	Tyers and Groves 2000
20 High Street, Bruton, Somerset	AD 1318 – 1461	6.6	Miles et al 1997
Church of St Nectan, Hartland, Devon	AD 1339 – 1473	6.4	Arnold and Howard 2013
Guildhall, High Street, Exeter, Devon	AD 1314 – 1456	6.3	Howard <i>et al</i> 1999
Tudor House, Vicarage Street and 1A Chinn's Court, Warminster, Wiltshire	AD 1409 – 1652	6.1	Arnold and Howard 2019 unpubl
Sherborne Abbey Church, Dorset	AD 1339 – 1474	6.0	Bridge 1993
Headstone Manor barn, Harrow, Middlesex	AD 1374 – 1505	6.0	Howard <i>et al</i> 2000
Church House, Alcester, Warwickshire	AD 1366 – 1451	6.0	Arnold and Howard 2012 unpubl

FIGURES



Figure 1: Maps to show the location of The Royal Clarence Hotel and neighbouring buildings in Exeter, marked in red. Scale: top right 1:35000; bottom 1:4000; PTO 1:750. © Crown Copyright and database right 2021. All rights reserved. Ordnance Survey Licence number 100024900. © British Crown and SeaZone Solutions Limited 2021. All rights reserved. Licence number 102006.006



Figure 1 (cont): Map locating properties related to this report, scale 1:750. Royal Clarence Hotel marked in green; 16–17 Cathedral Yard marked in yellow; 41–42 High Street marked in dark blue; 43–45 High Street marked in turquoise, and 47 High Street marked in red.



Figure 2: General view of the Royal Clarence Hotel and 16–17 Cathedral Yard (The Well House Tavern) looking west from Cathedral Yard. Only the ground- and first-floor frontage of the Royal Clarence Hotel remain in place, with the five-storey, double bay-fronted Well House Tavern to its left (photograph Robert Howard)

Cathedral Yard



Figure 3: Outline plan of the Royal Clarence Hotel and the Well House Tavern (16–17 Cathedral Yard, after Buttress, Architects)





Figure 4a/b: General view of the timber remains to a rear wall of zone 3 (fig. 3) of the Royal Clarence Hotel (top), and the newly revealed truss in zone 1(fig. 3), the Well House Tavern (16–17 Cathedral Yard, bottom), looking south to north (photographs Robert Howard)



Figure 5: General view looking along the High Street from 41/42 (Laura Ashley), past 43–45 (Costa) towards the still-jettied 47 (L'Occitane, photograph Robert Howard)


Figure 6: Outline plan of 41/42 High Street to show position of the roof trusses (after John Thorp)



Figure 7: Outline plan of 43–45 High Street (after Ellis Belk Associates Ltd)

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Figure 8: View of a section of the east wall of number 46 which was originally exposed to Lamb Alley. This wall was hidden when 45 High Street was built, and sections of it are now only partially visible behind wall panels in the upstairs rooms of number 45 (photograph Robert Howard).



Figure 9: Outline plan of 46/47 High Street and the buildings to the rear (after Richard Parker)





Figure 10a/b: Views of ex situ timbers salvaged from the Royal Clarence Hotel (top), and the pieces cut from them with a chainsaw and labelled (bottom, photographs Robert Howard)



Figure 11: Section through the Well House looking north–south to help locate sampled timbers EXT-L23–EXT-L27 (after Buttress, Architects)



Figure 12a/b: Annotated photographs to help identify sampled timbers from the roof of 44 High Street (EXT-M01–EXT-M08; top) and from the partition wall in the cellar between 43 and 44 (EXT-M09–EXT-M13; bottom, photographs Robert Howard)



Figure 12c: Annotated photograph to help identify sampled timbers from the south cellar wall of 44 High Street (EXT-M14, photograph Robert Howard)



Figure 13: Annotated photograph to help locate sampled timbers from the rear roof of number 45 High Street (viewed looking west to east) (EXT-M15–EXT-M25, photograph Robert Howard)

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Figure 14a/b: Annotated photographs to help identify sampled timbers from the upper part of the building to the rear of 47 High Street looking south to north (EXT-M26 and EXT-M27; top) and north to south (EXT-M28–EXT-M30; bottom, photographs Robert Howard)





Figure 14c/d: Annotated photographs to help identify sampled timbers from the upper level of the rear building to 47 High Street looking north to south (EXT-M31; top), and of the lower level (EXT-M32–EXT-M36; bottom) looking south to north (photographs Robert Howard)





Figure 14e/f: Annotated photographs to help identify sampled timbers from the roof to the Lamb Alley building looking east to west (EXT-M37–EXT-M45, photographs Robert Howard)



Figure 14g/h: Annotated photographs of the cellar of 47 High Street looking east to west to help identify sampled timbers (EXT-M46 and EXT-M47, photographs Robert Howard)



Figure 14i: Annotated photograph of the cellar of the rear building of 47 High Street looking south to north to help identify sampled timbers (EXT-M48–EXT-M50, photograph Robert Howard)





Figure 15a/b: Sections through 41 High Street (top) and 42 High Street (below) looking south to north and north to south, to help locate sampled timbers (after John Thorpe)

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Figure 15c: Plan of 41–42 High Street to help locate sampled timbers (after John Thorpe)





Figure 15d/e: Annotated photographs of the roof space of 41 High Street looking west to east (EXT-M51, EXT-M52, EXT-M54, and EXT-M55; top) and east to west (EXT-M53; bottom) to help identify sampled timbers (photographs Robert Howard)



Figure 15f/g: Annotated photographs of the roof space of 41 High Street looking east to west (EXT-M56–EXT-M58; top) and west to east (EXT-M59 and EXT-M60; bottom) to help identify sampled timbers (photographs Robert Howard)





Figure 15h/i: Annotated photographs of the roof space of 42 High Street looking west to east (EXT-M61 and EXT-M62; top) and east to west (EXT-M63; bottom) to help identify sampled timbers (photographs Robert Howard)



Figure 15j/k: Annotated photographs of the roof space of 42 High Street looking west to east (EXT-M64 and EXT-M66; top) and north to south (EXT-M65; bottom) to help identify sampled timbers (photographs Robert Howard)



Figure 151: Annotated photograph of the roof space of 42 High Street looking west to east to help identify sampled timbers (EXT-M67–EXT-M70)(photograph Robert Howard)



Figure 15m: Annotated photograph of the rear range of 41/42 High Street, looking south to north, to help identify sampled timbers (EXT-M71–EXT-M73) (photograph Robert Howard)



Figure 16: Bar diagram of all dated samples in last measured ring date order

White bars = measured heartwood rings

Solid red bars = measured sapwood rings (unmeasured sapwood rings not shown)

h/s = the heartwood/sapwood boundary is the last ring on the sample

C = complete sapwood is retained on the sample, the last measured ring date is the felling date of the timber represented

c = complete sapwood exists on the sampled timber, but all or part of it has been lost from the sample in coring; the likely felling date may be estimated



Figure 17: Bar diagram of the three cross-matching conifer samples from the Royal Clarence Hotel in site chronology EXTPSQ01

White bars = measured heartwood rings

no h/s = the sample does not retain the heartwood/sapwood boundary



Figure 18: Bar diagram of all dated samples sorted by individual buildings in outermost heartwood ring measured date order, showing felling dates, estimated felling date ranges, or terminus post quem dates for felling

White bars = measured heartwood rings Solid red bars = measured sapwood rings Narrow red hatched bars = unmeasured (nm) sapwood rings

h/s = the heartwood/sapwood boundary is the last ring on the sample C = complete sapwood is retained on the sample, the last measured ring date is the felling date of the timber represented

DATA OF MEASURED SAMPLES

Measurements in 0.01mm units

Oak Samples

EXT-L18A 51

372 291 358 319 354 343 362 292 307 330 370 468 317 332 299 392 368 348 285 313 279 195 308 251 226 289 276 300 194 221 278 323 248 263 250 189 189 279 243 231 207 180 245 207 253 182 221 185 115 136 137

EXT-L18B 51

368 292 368 309 369 311 373 260 290 299 371 459 318 323 278 431 396 361 270 299 300 189 301 259 250 250 282 320 207 214 289 282 285 249 303 225 195 289 243 245 201 190 243 199 248 179 217 186 109 132 135

EXT-L19A 75

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EXT-L19B 75

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EXT-L20A 91

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APPENDIX: TREE-RING DATING

The Principles of Tree-Ring Dating

Tree-ring dating, or dendrochronology as it is known, is discussed in some detail in the Nottingham Tree-ring Dating Laboratory's Monograph, An East Midlands Master Tree-Ring Chronology and its uses for dating Vernacular Buildings (Laxton and Litton 1988) and Dendrochronology: Guidelines on Producing and *Interpreting Dendrochronological Dates* (English Heritage 1998). Here we will give the bare outlines. Each year an oak tree grows an extra ring on the outside of its trunk and all its branches just inside its bark. The width of this annual ring depends largely on the weather during the growing season, about April to October, and possibly also on the weather during the previous year. Good growing seasons give rise to relatively wide rings, poor ones to very narrow rings and average ones to relatively average ring widths. Since the climate is so variable from year to year, almost random-like, the widths of these rings will also appear random-like in sequence, reflecting the seasons. This is illustrated in Figure A1 where, for example, the widest rings appear at irregular intervals. This is the key to dating by tree rings, or rather, by their widths. Records of the average ring widths for oaks, one for each year for the last 1000 years or more, are available for different areas. These are called master chronologies. Because of the random-like nature of these sequences of widths, there is usually only one position at which a sequence of ring widths from a sample of oak timber with at least 70 rings will match a master. This will date the timber and, in particular, the last ring.

If the bark is still on the sample, as in Figure A1, then the date of the last ring will be the date of felling of the oak from which it was cut. There is much evidence that in medieval times oaks cut down for building purposes were used almost immediately, usually within the year or so (Rackham 1976). Hence if bark is present on several main timbers in a building, none of which appear reused or are later insertions, and if they all have the same date for their last ring, then we can be quite confident that this is the date of construction or soon after. If there is no bark on the sample, then we have to make an estimate of the felling date; how this is done is explained below.

The Practice of Tree-Ring Dating at the Nottingham Tree-Ring Dating Laboratory

1. Inspecting the Building and Sampling the Timbers.

Together with a building historian the timbers in a building are inspected to try to ensure that those sampled are not reused or later insertions. Sampling is almost always done by coring into the timber, which has the great advantage that we can sample *in situ* timbers and those judged best to give the date of construction, or phase of construction if there is more than one in the building. The timbers to be sampled are also inspected to see how many rings they have. We normally look for timbers with at least 70 rings, and preferably more. With fewer rings than this, 50 for example, sequences of widths become difficult to match to a unique position within a master sequence of ring widths and so are difficult to date (Litton and Zainodin 1991). The cross-section of the rafter shown in Figure A2 has about 120 rings; about 20 of which are sapwood rings – the lighter rings on the outside. Similarly the core has just over 100 rings with a few sapwood rings.

To ensure that we are getting the date of the building as a whole, or the whole of a phase of construction if there is more than one, about 8–10 samples per phase are usually taken. Sometimes we take many more, especially if the construction is complicated. One reason for taking so many samples is that, in general, some will fail to give a date. There may be many reasons why a particular sequence of ring widths from a sample of timber fails to give a date even though others from the same building do. For example, a particular tree may have grown in an odd ecological niche, so odd indeed that the widths of its rings were determined by factors other than the local climate! In such circumstances it will be impossible to date a timber from this tree using the master sequence whose widths, we can assume, were predominantly determined by the local climate at the time.

Sampling is done by coring into the timber with a hollow corer attached to an electric drill and usually from its outer rings inwards towards where the centre of the tree, the pith, is judged to be. An illustration of a core is shown in Figure A2; it is about 150mm long and 10mm diameter. Great care has to be taken to ensure that as few as possible of the outer rings are lost in coring. This can be difficult as these outer rings are often very soft (see below on sapwood). Each sample is given a code which identifies uniquely which timber it comes from, which building it is from and where the building is located. For example, CRO-A06 is the sixth core taken from the first building (A) sampled by the Laboratory in Cropwell Bishop. Where it came from in that building will be shown in the sampling records and drawings. No structural damage is done to any timbers by coring, nor does it weaken them.

During the initial inspection of the building and its timbers the dendrochronologist may come to the conclusion that, as far as can be judged, none of the timbers have sufficient rings in them for dating purposes and may advise against sampling to save further unwarranted expense.

All sampling by the Laboratory is undertaken according to current Health and Safety Standards. The Laboratory's dendrochronologists are insured.





Figure A2: Cross-section of a rafter, showing sapwood rings in the left-hand corner, the arrow points to the heartwood/sapwood boundary (H/S); and a core with sapwood; again the arrow is pointing to the H/S. The core is about the size of a pencil



Figure A3: Measuring ring widths under a microscope. The microscope is fixed while the sample is on a moving platform. The total sequence of widths is measured twice to ensure that an error has not been made. This type of apparatus is needed to process a large number of samples on a regular basis



Figure A4: Three cores from timbers in a building. They come from trees growing at the same time. Notice that, although the sequences of widths look similar, they are not identical. This is typical

2. Measuring Ring Widths.

Each core is sanded down with a belt sander using medium-grit paper and then finished by hand with flourgrade-grit paper. The rings are then clearly visible and differentiated from each other with a result very much like that shown in Figure A2. The core is then mounted on a movable table below a microscope and the ring-widths measured individually from the innermost ring to the outermost. The widths are automatically recorded in a computer file as they are measured (see Fig A3).

3. Cross-Matching and Dating the Samples.

Because of the factors besides the local climate which may determine the annual widths of a tree's rings, no two sequences of ring widths from different oaks growing at the same time are exactly alike (Fig A4). Indeed, the sequences may not be exactly alike even when the trees are growing near to each other. Consequently, in the Laboratory we do not attempt to match two sequences of ring widths by eye, or graphically, or by any other subjective method. Instead, it is done objectively (ie statistically) on a computer by a process called cross-matching. The output from the computer tells us the extent of correlation between two sample sequences of widths or, if we are dating, between a sample sequence of widths and the master, at each relative position of one to the other (offsets). The extent of the correlation at an offset is determined by the *t*-value (defined in almost any introductory book on statistics). That offset with the maximum *t*-value among the *t*-values at all the offsets will be the best candidate for dating one sequence relative to the other. If one of these is a master chronology, then this will date the other. Experiments carried out in the past with sequences from oaks of known date suggest that a *t*-value of at least 4.5, and preferably at least 5.0, is usually adequate for the dating to be accepted with reasonable confidence (Laxton and Litton 1988; Laxton et al 1988; Howard et al 1984–1995).

This is illustrated in Figure A5 with timbers from one of the roofs of Lincoln Cathedral. Here four sequences of ring widths, LIN-C04, 05, 08, and 45, have been cross-matched with each other. The ring widths themselves have been omitted in the bar diagram, as is usual, but the offsets at which they best cross-match each other are shown; eg the sequence of ring widths of C08 matches the sequence of ring widths of C45 best when it is at a position starting 20 rings after the first ring of C45, and similarly for the others. The actual *t*-values between the four at these offsets of best correlations are in the matrix. Thus at the offset of +20 rings, the *t*-value between C45 and C08 is 5.6 and is the maximum found between these two among all the positions of one sequence relative to the other.

It is standard practice in our Laboratory first to cross-match as many as possible of the ring-width sequences of the samples in a building and then to form an average from them. This average is called a site sequence of the building being dated and is illustrated in Figure A5. The fifth bar at the bottom is a site sequence for a roof at Lincoln Cathedral and is constructed from the matching sequences of the four timbers. The site sequence width for each year is the average of the widths in each of the sample sequences which has a width for that year. Thus in Fig A5 if the widths shown are 0.8mm for C45, 0.2mm for C08, 0.7mm for C05, and 0.3mm for

C04, then the corresponding width of the site sequence is the average of these, 0.55mm. The actual sequence of widths of this site sequence is stored on the computer. The reason for creating site sequences is that it is usually easier to date an average sequence of ring widths with a master sequence than it is to date the individual component sample sequences separately.

The straightforward method of cross-matching several sample sequences with each other one at a time is called the 'maximal *t*-value' method. The actual method of cross-matching a group of sequences of ring-widths used in the Laboratory involves grouping and averaging the ring-width sequences and is called the 'Litton-Zainodin Grouping Procedure'. It is a modification of the straightforward method and was successfully developed and tested in the Laboratory and has been published (Litton and Zainodin 1991; Laxton *et al* 1988).

4. Estimating the Felling Date.

As mentioned above, if the bark is present on a sample, then the date of its last ring is the date of the felling of its tree (or the last full year before felling, if it was felled in the first three months of the following calendar year, before any new growth had started, but this is not too important a consideration in most cases). The actual bark may not be present on a timber in a building, though the dendrochronologist who is sampling can often see from its surface that only the bark is missing. In these cases the date of the last ring is still the date of felling.

Quite often some, though not all, of the original outer rings are missing on a timber. The outer rings on an oak, called sapwood rings, are usually lighter than the inner rings, the heartwood, and so are relatively easy to identify. For example, sapwood can be seen in the corner of the rafter and at the outer end of the core in Figure A2, both indicated by arrows. More importantly for dendrochronology, the sapwood is relatively soft and so liable to insect attack and wear and tear. The builder, therefore, may remove some of the sapwood for precisely these reasons. Nevertheless, if at least some of the sapwood rings are left on a sample, we will know that not too many rings have been lost since felling so that the date of the last ring on the sample is only a few years before the date of the original last ring on the tree, and so to the date of felling.

Various estimates have been made and used for the average number of sapwood rings in mature oak trees (English Heritage 1998). A fairly conservative range is between 15 and 40 and that this holds for 95% of mature oaks. This means, of course, that in a small number of cases there could be fewer than 15 and more than 40 sapwood rings. For example, the core CRO-A06 has only 9 sapwood rings and some have obviously been lost over time – either they were removed originally by the carpenter and/or they rotted away in the building and/or they were lost in the coring. It is not known exactly how many sapwood rings are missing, but using the above range the Laboratory would estimate between a minimum of 6 (=15-9) and a maximum of 41 (=50-9). If the last ring of CRO-A06 has been dated to 1500, say,

then the estimated felling-date range for the tree from which it came originally would be between 1506 and 1541. The Laboratory uses this estimate for sapwood in areas of England where it has no prior information. It also uses it when dealing with samples with very many rings, about 120 to the last heartwood ring. But in other areas of England where the Laboratory has accumulated a number of samples with complete sapwood, that is, no sapwood lost since felling, other estimates in place of the conservative range of 15 to 50 are used. In the East Midlands (Laxton et al 2001) and the east to the south down to Kent (Pearson 1995) where it has sampled extensively in the past, the Laboratory uses the shorter estimate of 15 to 35 sapwood rings in 95% of mature oaks growing in these parts. Since the sample CRO-A06 comes from a house in Cropwell Bishop in the East Midlands, a better estimate of sapwood rings lost since felling is between a minimum of 6 (= 15-9) and 26 (=35-9) and the felling would be estimated to have taken place between 1506 and 1526, a shorter period than before. Oak boards guite often come from the Baltic region and in these cases the 95% confidence limits for sapwood are 9 to 36 (Howard *et al* 1992, 56).

Even more precise estimates of the felling date and range can often be obtained using knowledge of a particular case and information gathered at the time of sampling. For example, at the time of sampling the dendrochronologist may have noted that the timber from which the core of Figure A2 was taken still had complete sapwood but that some of the soft sapwood rings were lost in coring. By measuring into the timber the depth of sapwood lost, say 20mm, a reasonable estimate can be made of the number of sapwood rings lost, say 12 to 15 rings in this case. By adding on 12 to 15 years to the date of the last ring on the sample a good tight estimate for the range of the felling date can be obtained, which is often better than the 15 to 35 years later we would have estimated without this observation. In the example, the felling is now estimated to have taken place between AD 1512 and 1515, which is much more precise than without this extra information.

Even if all the sapwood rings are missing on a sample, but none of the heartwood rings are, then an estimate of the felling-date range is possible by adding on the full compliment of, say, 15 to 35 years to the date of the last heartwood ring (called the heartwood/ sapwood boundary or transition ring and denoted H/S). Fortunately it is often easy for a trained dendrochronologist to identify this boundary on a timber. If a timber does not have its heartwood/sapwood boundary, then only a *post quem* date for felling is possible.

5. Estimating the Date of Construction.

There is a considerable body of evidence collected by dendrochronologists over the years that oak timbers used in buildings were not seasoned in medieval or early modern times (English Heritage 1998; Miles 1997, 50–5). Hence, provided that all the samples in a building have estimated felling-date ranges broadly in agreement with each other, so that they appear to have been felled as a group, then this should give an accurate estimate of the period when the structure was built, or soon after

(Laxton *et al* 2001, fig 8; 34–5, where 'associated groups of fellings' are discussed in detail). However, if there is any evidence of storage before use, or if there is evidence the oak came from abroad (eg Baltic boards), then some allowance has to be made for this.

6. Master Chronological Sequences.

Ultimately, to date a sequence of ring widths, or a site sequence, we need a master sequence of dated ring widths with which to cross-match it, a Master Chronology. To construct such a sequence we have to start with a sequence of widths whose dates are known and this means beginning with a sequence from an oak tree whose date of felling is known. In Figure A6 such a sequence is SHE-T, which came from a tree in Sherwood Forest which was blown down in a recent gale. After this other sequences which cross-match with it are added and gradually the sequence is 'pushed back in time' as far as the age of samples will allow. This process is illustrated in Figure A6. We have a master chronological sequence of widths for Nottinghamshire and East Midlands oak for each year from AD 882 to 1981. It is described in great detail in Laxton and Litton (1988), but the components it contains are shown here in the form of a bar diagram. As can be seen, it is well replicated in that for each year in this period there are several sample sequences having widths for that year. The master is the average of these. This master can now be used to date oak from this area and from the surrounding areas where the climate is very similar to that in the East Midlands. The Laboratory has also constructed a master for Kent (Laxton and Litton 1989). The method the Laboratory uses to construct a master sequence, such as the East Midlands and Kent, is completely objective and uses the Litton-Zainodin grouping procedure (Laxton et al 1988). Other laboratories and individuals have constructed masters for other areas and have made them available. As well as these masters, local (dated) site chronologies can be used to date other buildings from nearby. The Laboratory has hundreds of these site sequences from many parts of England and Wales covering many short periods.

7. Ring-Width Indices.

Tree-ring dating can be done by cross-matching the ring widths themselves, as described above. However, it is advantageous to modify the widths first. Because different trees grow at different rates and because a young oak grows in a different way from an older oak, irrespective of the climate, the widths are first standardized before any matching between them is attempted. These standard widths are known as ring-width indices and were first used in dendrochronology by Baillie and Pilcher (1973). The exact form they take is explained in this paper and in the appendix of Laxton and Litton (1988) and is illustrated in the graphs in Figure A7. Here ringwidths are plotted vertically, one for each year of growth. In the upper sequence of (a), the generally large early growth after 1810 is very apparent as is the smaller later growth from about 1900 onwards when the tree is maturing. A similar phenomenon can be observed in the lower sequence of (a) starting in 1835. In both the widths are also changing rapidly from year to year. The peaks are the wide rings and the troughs are the narrow rings corresponding to good and poor growing seasons, respectively. The two corresponding sequence of Baillie-Pilcher indices are plotted in (b) where the differences in the immature and mature growths have been

removed and only the rapidly changing peaks and troughs remain, that are associated with the common climatic signal. This makes cross-matching easier.





The bar diagram represents these sequences without the rings themselves. The length of the bar is proportional to the number of rings in the sequence. Here the four sequences are set at relative positions (offsets) to each other at which they have maximum correlation as measured by the *t*-values. The *t*-value/offset matrix contains the maximum *t*-values below the diagonal and the offsets above it. Thus, the maximum *t*-value between C08 and C45 occurs at the offset of +20 rings and the *t*-value is then 5.6. The site sequence is composed of the average of the corresponding widths, as illustrated with one width.









Figure A7 (a): The raw ring-widths of two samples, THO-A01 and THO-B05, whose felling dates are known

Here the ring widths are plotted vertically, one for each year, so that peaks represent wide rings and troughs narrow ones. Notice the growth-trends in each; on average the earlier rings of the young tree are wider than the later ones of the older tree in both sequences

Figure A7 (b): The Baillie-Pilcher indices of the above widths

The growth trends have been removed completely

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