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#### SUMMARY

Analysis was undertaken on samples from timbers representing two phases of roofs within both the nave and the chancel, from the bell-cote and two bell levers, and from three *ex situ* timbers recovered from the nave wall during restoration work. This resulted in the successful dating of 58 samples.

The oldest timbers identified are from the surviving remnants of an earlier nave roof, dated as felled in the range AD 1225–50, and two of the *ex situ* timbers recovered from the nave wall which have a felling date range of AD 1218–43 and hence appear plausibly to be coeval with this roof.

The extant replacement nave roof dates to around a century later being constructed from timber felled in AD 1326–48, as do the remnants of the earlier chancel roof which utilises timber felled in, or around, the winter of AD 1332/33. The third *ex situ* timber and one of the timbers of the bell-cote also belong to the first half of the fourteenth century, having felling date ranges of AD 1301–36 and AD 1314–49 respectively.

The latest timbers are those belonging to a reconstruction of the chancel roof which were felled sometime in the range of AD 1570–95. The majority of the reused beams utilised within the bell-cote have a felling date range of AD 1567–92, and thus appear likely to be coeval with the present chancel roof. In addition, the bell levers also appear likely to be of sixteenth-century date with *termini post quem* dates for felling of AD 1515 and AD 1548.

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## INTRODUCTION

Myndtown is located 7km south-west of Church Stretton in south Shropshire, with the church of St John the Baptist situated near the southern end of the Long Mynd at an altitude of *c* 220m on a west-facing slope overlooking the confluence of the rivers East Onny and West Onny (Fig. 1). The church stands near the boundary between enclosed pasture fields which fall away to the south-west, and include earthworks of a medieval settlement earthworks, and open grazing land to the east across Old Churchmoor Hill which rises to just over 460m.

The Grade II\*-listed parish church is of twelfth-century or earlier origin and is comprised of a nave with a west belfry and a chancel (Fig. 2). The present, largely nineteenth-century, south porch replaces a fourteenth-century predecessor with curved braces to a cranked tiebeam. The uncoursed rubble masonry is not readily dateable, and all of the windows have been altered or replaced. However, the nave walls are splayed (i.e. they reduce in thickness as they rise), some of the window rear-arches might betray possible Norman origins, and Cranage (1901) noted *'the remains of what looks like a Norman string course at the east end of the nave*'. The south doorway with two-centred arch and plain chamfer may be early fourteenth century. Cranage (1901) attributed the chancel roof to the fifteenth century but did not suggest a date for that over the nave. Fragments of medieval paint noted under the limewash on the nave north wall in 1964 and mentioned in the listed building description (LEN 1054598 <u>here</u>) were verified in 2017.

Following a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, preparatory to a programme of repairs and conservation, preliminary investigations in November 2015 directed by architects Arrol and Snell Ltd. included opening up of two small areas around the feet of two coupled-rafter trusses, exposing the remnants of an earlier roof. When the main phase of repairs commenced in February 2017, a part-time watching brief was maintained by Bob Meeson while the roofs were opened up and during the early stages of their repair.

## Nave

## Earlier roof remnants

During the preliminary investigations of the present roof the remnants of an older roof were discovered (Fig. 3), although this roof is however not proven to be the primary roof. In February/March 2017, the slates and sarking boards were removed and portions of the fabric were opened up by the contractors, Phillips and Curry. All of those timbers that were partially and temporarily exposed to view were recorded (Meeson 2015 unpubl) before they were re-encased in the rebuilt top of the nave walls.

Including those over the end walls, there might have been 15 coupled-rafter trusses in this early, though not necessarily primary, roof. The surviving accessible timbers include the tiebeam referred to by Cranage (1901). At each end, the tiebeam passes over a wall-plate which extends east-west near the outer edge of the wall. Near the north-west corner of the nave this early wall-plate has a scantling of *c*. 0.13m ×

0.14m and it is of simple rectangular section, so unlike some other examples elsewhere, there is no cogging (i.e. there is no raised tongue or fillet on its top face). The south end of the tiebeam is *c*. 0.19m wide and 0.18m deep. Originally, the soffit of this tiebeam extended slightly beyond the outer face of the wall, at which point it is halved, and single-pegged, to receive the corresponding lap joint near the foot of a rafter. Just within the internal wall face a half-dovetail housing on the west face of the tiebeam, again with a single peg-hole, secured the ashlar piece that formerly extended vertically to a corresponding lap joint in the side of the rafter. The south end of the tiebeam is similar. Throughout its span across the nave there are no other halvings, so apparently no struts have ever extended from this tiebeam up to the rafters. Grooves worn by a rope into the sides of the tiebeam suggest that it was retained for its utility in connection with the bell-cote above.

The internal ends of timbers 11, 13, 14, and 27 have been crudely hacked, suggesting that they have been truncated. Moreover, on timbers 13, 14, and 27 part of the end grain has been split off rather than cut. There is more evidence of truncation on timber 5, the inner end of which has been cut through the middle of a drilled hole – possibly a divet or setting-out hole. This evidence can be interpreted in two ways. Firstly, the timbers might be interpreted as the remains of a common tiebeam roof; that is to say, a roof which had a tiebeam under every *sans purlin* single-scantling rafter couple. Secondly, tiebeams might have been spaced at intervals (at 3, 7, and 11 on Fig. 11), the majority of the rafter couples being carried only by internally projecting sole-plates with shaped or moulded terminals that were cut off when the roof was replaced. However, several of the transverse timbers (including 9, 11, and 20) had poor sectional profiles with their top faces left in the round, more suggestive of the limitations imposed by the extremities of long tiebeams than of short sole-plates, making the first interpretation more likely.

#### Extant roof

Including those over the west wall and the chancel arch, the present roof over the nave has 26 uniform-scantling *sans purlin* coupled-rafter trusses, set over a single wall-plate of rectangular section along the middle of the wall. The sole-plates, which project out beyond the outer faces of the walls, are halved over the wall-plates; these, in turn, support ashlar pieces and the feet of the common rafters, all joints being mortice and tenon. Curved soulaces, extending up to a single collar, have triple-pegged tenons to the rafters and double-pegged tenons to the collars. The rafters are joined at the apex by mortice and tenon joints, the tenons being fully contained within the mortices (Figs 4 and 5). The internal span varies along the length of the nave, the average being approximately 5.3m.

Using rubble masonry packed into clay, the side walls were built up around the sole-plates and ashlar pieces, forming a sloping top in the plane of the roof. Hewett (1980) cited Harlowbury Chapel, Essex, as an example of rafter couples embedded in the primary inclined upper facets of the wall (with no wall-plate, sole-pieces, or ashlars), and attributed these to *c*. AD 1180. Elsewhere the rafters are secured by ashlars and sole-pieces as here at Myndtown. Morley (1985) noted, in his report on St Mary's Church, Kempley, Gloucestershire, that there are few surviving examples of the inner wall face being 'carried up beyond the wall plate level'; this was subsequently tree-ring dated to AD 1128–32 (Miles *et al* 1999; Miles *et al* 2008).

The sloping top of the wall at St John's Hospital and Chantry, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, may have been built *c*. AD 1202–25 (Arnold and Howard 2007a). Most of these examples employed lap-joint carpentry, whereas in marked contrast in the second roof at the Church of St John the Baptist in Myndtown the use of mortice and tenon joints and curved soulaces both point to a later date.

Another noteworthy characteristic of the second roof here is the survival of two rafter trusses in the thickness of the west gable wall; one overlooking the nave, the other formerly visible externally. For many years the latter has been concealed by roughcast, but it could be seen on a painting of AD 1791 by the Reverend Edward William, and it was exposed to view during the recent conservation work. When first built, the most easterly truss was also open to view where it extended above the chancel roof.

## Chancel

No traces of the oldest chancel roof have been observed, but some elements of the second roof have survived (Fig. 6). The latter include in situ sole-plates morticed to receive the feet of rafters and ashlar pieces, and some of the common rafters appear to be re-used from this roof, corresponding with its second-phase counterpart over the nave. Although he was aware of repairs in AD 1859, Cranage (1901) described the present chancel roof as follows: '*The chancel roof has two purlins on each side and excellent ornamental purlin-braces* [i.e. wind-braces]: one truss has a tie-beam and a collar, and the other a collar only. The date may be fifteenth century.' With the benefit of closer inspection, it is possible to refine that description and to suggest a later date of construction.

The western tiebeam spans the chancel *c*. 0.35m from the masonry return at the end of the nave;  $0.35m \times 0.13m$  in section at its north end, the tiebeam expands to  $0.41 \text{m} \times 0.14 \text{m}$  at its centre (Fig. 7). The top edge facing west is cut square, but the other three edges have large steep chamfers. The raked struts, which rise directly from the tiebeam to the principals, have a narrow ovolo (quarter-round) moulding on every edge. However, the mouldings on the principals include both a straight chamfer and a quarter-round. The straight, high collar  $(0.24m \times 0.09m)$  is tenoned into the principals; three edges have very small ovolos, but the fourth has a large single ogee (a device commonly employed c. AD 1325–1550), but its position between the top face and the west side of the collar strongly suggests re-use. At the apex the principals are joined by a mortice and tenon joint, and the inner angle is finished with a mason's mitre. Two tiers of side purlins and a ridge purlin are trenched across this truss. Tenoned at both ends, the wind braces to the upper purlins have straight soffits but their top faces are shaped to a pronounced double ogee form. Double-ogees in Old Hall, Claverley, Shropshire, were attributed by Moran (2003) to the late fourteenth/early-fifteenth century, but these were, by convention, on the soffits of the wind-braces. The braces at the Church of St John the Baptist, are more likely to be derivative, and much later in date.

When it was assembled the roof truss adjacent to the east wall of the chancel may have been broadly similar to its western counterpart, but there are some significant differences. Firstly, there are now only pads to support the feet of the principals. The principals retain redundant mortices for the tenons at the heads of raked struts, which could imply that originally there was a tiebeam to support their feet, but equally, it is possible that when this roof was being assembled a decision was taken to omit the tiebeam so as not to cross the east window rear-arch. Secondly, the mouldings on the principals and pads in this east truss are markedly different from those on the west truss. On one side of the soffit there is a narrow bead moulding, and on the other a very narrow double ovolo, with parallels in the mid-seventeenth century. However, on the pads/truncated tiebeam these mouldings are now on the top face, strongly indicating re-use. That re-use might well have been as late as the nineteenth century.

## Bell-cote

This structure consists of posts, rails, and braces (Fig. 8), all of which are thought to be reused, possibly from the original fourteenth-century porch. It houses two bells, a twelfth-century tenor bell and a treble bell, thought to be a sixteenth-century recasting of a twelfth-century bell (Elphick 1984 unpubl).

## **Bell-levers**

Both the tenor and treble bells are chimed by unusual club clappers, where the lever itself is used as the headstock (Fig. 9). Similar levers are known from the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Warminghurst, Sussex, where they were thought to be twelfth-century in date (Elphick 1970). An early attempt by George Elphick to date the bell-levers at the Church of St John the Baptist, by dendrochronology produced two potential dates, the first in the third quarter of the twelfth century and the second in the second quarter of the sixteenth century, however this was in the early pioneering days of the use of dendrochronology as a dating technique when there was very little, if any, reference material available and before the rigorous statistical approach now employed was made feasible by computers.

#### Ex situ timbers

During restoration work undertaken on the nave wall some timbers were recovered. One of these was obviously originally cut as a lintel as it is stopped and chamfered (Fig. 10), although whether this would have been for a door or a window is unknown.

## SAMPLING

Dendrochronological analysis was requested by John Tiernan (Historic England Heritage At Risk Architect) in order to attempt to obtain precise independent dating evidence for the historical development of this church and specifically to understand the chronological relationship of the different roofs over the nave and chancel and whether their construction related to the bell-cote.

Sixty-four core samples were taken from oak (*Quercus* spp) timbers of the nave and chancel roofs, the bell-cote, the two bell levers, and the three ex situ timbers

removed from a wall in the nave. Each sample was given the code MYN-T and numbered 01–64. Further details relating to the samples can be found in Table 1. The location of samples has been marked on Figures 9 and 11–25. Sole-plates/tiebeams and trusses have been numbered from east to west, with the exception of the oldest roof timbers of the nave which have been numbered following the unpublished survey by Bob Meeson.

## ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

Four of the samples, one from the earlier remnant nave roof, one from the earlier remnant chancel roof, one from the extant chancel roof, and one from the bell-cote had too few rings for secure dating purposes and so were rejected prior to measurement. The remaining 60 samples were prepared by sanding and polishing, and their growth-ring widths measured; the data of these measurements are given at the end of the report. These measurements were then compared with each other by the Litton/Zainodin grouping procedure (see Appendix), resulting in 58 samples cross-matching to form three groups.

Firstly, 37 samples matched each other at a minimum *t*-value of 4.6, and were combined at the relevant offset positions to form MYNTSQ01, a site sequence of 306 rings (Fig. 26). This site sequence was compared against an extensive series of reference chronologies for oak where it was found to match consistently and securely at a first-ring date of AD 1027 and a last-measured ring date of AD 1332. The evidence for this dating is given in Table 2.

Secondly, two samples matched at a *t*-value of 7.5, and were combined at the relevant offset positions to form MYNTSQ02, a site sequence of 61 rings (Fig. 27). This site sequence was also compared against an extensive series of relevant reference chronologies where it was found to span the period AD 1506–66. The evidence for this dating is given in Table 3.

Finally, 19 samples grouped at a minimum *t*-value of 5.6, and were combined to form MYNTSQ03, a site sequence of 149 rings (Fig. 28). This site sequence was again compared against an extensive series of reference chronologies resulting in it being dated to the period AD 1420–1568. The evidence for this date is given in Table 4.

The remaining two ungrouped samples were compared individually against the site chronologies and the reference chronologies but no secure dating was found and these remain undated.

## **INTERPRETATION**

Analysis has resulted in the successful dating of 58 timbers, 22 from the nave roof, 22 from the chancel roof, nine from the bell cote, two from bell-levers, and the three ex situ ones from the nave (Fig. 29). Felling date ranges and *termini post quem* for felling (felled after dates) are generally calculated using the estimate that 95% of

mature oak trees from this area have between 15 and 40 sapwood rings. However, given that one of the samples from the earlier chancel roof has 58 sapwood rings, it was thought appropriate to apply the more conservative estimate of 15–50 rings to the timbers of this roof and to those of the broadly coeval extant nave roof which utilises timbers with similar growth characteristics. This wider sapwood estimate has also been applied to the earlier reused timber identified within the bell-cote and the fourteenth-century ex situ timber for the same reasons.

#### Nave

## Earlier roof remnants

Ten of the samples taken from surviving timbers associated with this earlier roof have been successfully dated. Unfortunately, only one of these (MYN-T03) has the heartwood/sapwood boundary ring, the date of which is AD 1210, giving an estimated felling date for the timber represented to within the range AD 1225–50 (using the 15–40 ring sapwood estimate). The other dated samples have last-measured heartwood ring dates ranging from AD 1115 (MYN-T11) to AD 1199 (MYN-T07), which produce *termini post quem* for felling ranging from AD 1130 to AD 1214, making it possible that all of these were also felled in AD 1225–50. This interpretation that at least some of these timbers were felled at the same time in the second quarter of the thirteenth century is supported by the very high *t*-values noted between MYN-T01, MYN-T07, and MYN-T08, all without any trace of sapwood, and sample MYN-T03, with the heartwood/sapwood boundary (*t* = 13.5, *t* = 14.2, and *t* = 14.7, respectively). This suggests that all four timbers (truncated tiebeams/sole-plates) may have been cut from the same tree and hence felled at the same time, or were at least derived from trees growing in close proximity.

#### Extant roof

All 12 samples taken from this structure have been dated. Nine of these have the heartwood/sapwood boundary which in all cases is broadly contemporary, varying by only 15 years, and suggestive of a single felling period. The average heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date is AD 1298 which produces a felling date range of AD 1313–48 (using the 15–50 ring sapwood estimate). However, taking into account the outermost measured ring on MYN-T22, which dates to AD 1325, this felling date range can be refined to AD1326–48.

The other three dated samples do not have the heartwood/sapwood boundary ring and so estimated felling dates cannot be calculated for them except to say that with last measured ring dates of AD 1153 (MYN-T14), AD 1287 (MYN-T19), and AD 1233 (MYN-T21), these would be estimated to be after AD 1168, AD 1302, and AD 1248, respectively, making it possible that these timbers were also felled in AD 1326–48. Additionally, sample MYN-T19 matches samples MYN-T13, MYN-T18, and MYN-T21 at t = 11.7, 13.9, and 12.7 respectively, levels which suggest all four timbers may have been cut from the same tree and hence felled at the same time, or were again at least derived from trees growing in close proximity. It appears likely that MYN-T14 was heavily trimmed and was derived from the inner part of a larger tree.

## Ex situ timbers

All three of these samples taken from timbers removed from a wall in the nave have been dated. Two of these have heartwood/sapwood boundary ring dates somewhat earlier than the third. The average of these two is AD 1203, allowing an estimated felling date range to be calculated for the timber represented of AD 1218–43 (using the 15–40 ring sapwood estimate). The heartwood/sapwood boundary for the third sample (MYN-T25) is AD 1286 giving an estimated felling date of AD 1301–36 (using the 15–50 ring sapwood estimate).

## Chancel

## Earlier roof remnants

Eleven of the samples taken from the remnants of the earlier roof have been dated. One of these, MYN-T32, has complete sapwood and a last-measured ring date of AD 1332. When this sample is examined under the microscope it is possible to see both spring and summer growth cells of the final ring but no spring cells of the following year, giving the timber represented a felling date of winter AD 1332/3. Three other samples have the heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date, the dates of which are broadly contemporary and suggestive of a single felling period. The average heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date is AD 1290, giving an estimated felling date range for the three timbers represented of AD 1305-40 (using the 15-50 sapwood estimate), consistent with these three samples also having been felled in, or around, the winter AD 1332/33. The other dated samples do not have the heartwood/sapwood boundary ring but with last-measured ring dates ranging from AD 1128 (MYN-T28) to AD 1283 (MYN-T40), this would give a series of termini post quem for felling dates ranging from AD 1143 to AD 1298. However, one of these samples MYN-T29 (without sapwood) matches MYN-T30 (with heartwood/sapwood boundary) at a level (t = 15.9), high enough to suggest both timbers may have been cut from the same tree and hence felled at the same time. The same can also be said for sample MYN-T40 (without sapwood) which matches MYN-T39 (with heartwood/sapwood boundary) at t = 14.0.

## Extant roof

Eleven of the samples have been dated, five of which have the heartwood/sapwood boundary. The average of these is AD 1555, allowing an estimated felling date range to be calculated to AD 1570–95 (using the 15–40 ring sapwood estimate). The rest of the dated samples have last-measured ring dates ranging between, at the earliest, AD 1508 (MYN-T45) and the latest, AD 1537 (MYN-T41) giving *termini post quem* dates for felling ranging from AD 1523 and AD 1552. This, combined with the overall level of cross-matching within this group of timbers, including at least one possible same-tree pair (MYN-T43 / MYN-T50 t=11.0), suggests that these timbers are coeval and also likely to have been felled in the range AD 1570–95.

#### Bell-cote

Nine of these samples have been dated, six of which have the heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date, but it should be noted that the timbers represented show clear evidence of reuse. The heartwood/sapwood boundary ring date of sample MYN-

T55 at AD 1299 is somewhat earlier than those of the other samples and it has an estimated felling date range of AD 1314–49 (using the 15–50 ring sapwood estimate). The other five samples have broadly contemporary heartwood/sapwood boundary ring dates, varying by only ten years, the average of which is AD 1552 which gives an estimated felling date range for the timbers represented of AD 1567–92 (using the 15–40 ring sapwood estimate).

### **Bell-levers**

Both of these samples have been dated. Unfortunately, neither of these have the heartwood/sapwood boundary and so estimated felling date ranges cannot be calculated except to say that they would be felled after AD 1515 (MYN-T63) and AD 1548 (MYN-T64). Both of these timbers produce good overall cross-matching, including several *t*-values in excess of 6.0, suggesting that they may be of a similar later sixteenth-century date to the extant chancel roof and bell-cote.

## DISCUSSION

The oldest phase of building activity identified by the tree-ring analysis is that of the earlier remnant nave roof which is now known to have been constructed with timber felled in AD 1225–50, thus demonstrating a construction date shortly after felling in the first half of the thirteenth century. The high level of cross-matching seen between some of the samples from surviving timbers which opposed each other across the nave is consistent with truncated tiebeams. As noted above, samples MYN-T01 and MYN-T07 (opposing beams 2/17) match at t=14.5 and samples MYN-T03 and MYN-T08 (opposing beams 4/19) match at t=14.7, with each pair almost certainly representing a single timber. Additionally, due to how well these four samples match each other (grouping at a minimum t=value of 14.7), it is suggested that one tree may have been used to produce the two tiebeams.

Also dating to the thirteenth century are two of the ex situ timbers recovered from the nave wall. These are broadly contemporary with the timber of the early nave roof, with both being thought to have been felled in AD 1218–43. It is, therefore, possible that these pieces of wood represent timbers of the oldest nave roof. Indeed, one of these (sample MYN-T27) matches the group of samples MYN-T01/03/07/08 at t = 13.0 which raises the possibility that it could be part of the inner portion of one of the putative truncated tiebeams.

It is possible, but not proven, that some of the timber identified as part of an earlier chancel roof also belongs with this thirteenth-century building phase. Three of the samples (MYN-T28, MYN-T37, MYN-T38) taken from this roof, a plate in the north wall and the north and south ends of beam 8, have *termini post quem* for felling dates of AD 1143, AD 1193, and AD 1213 making this a possibility. Alternatively, they may simply represent the inner portions of heavily trimmed, much longer-lived trees and belong with the second phase of activity identified in the fourteenth century. The overall level of cross-matching between the three samples and the other samples in MYNTSQ01 is insufficient to differentiate between these possible interpretations.

The next phase of building activity identified is in the fourteenth century. The extant replacement nave roof utilises timber felled in AD 1326–48, with construction thought likely to have followed shortly after. Broadly coeval with this are the timbers associated with the earlier chancel roof, dated as felled in, or shortly after, the winter of AD 1332/33 and also a single reused timber from the bell-cote felled in AD 1314–49. This latter sample may represent a timber salvaged from the earlier chancel roof when this structure was replaced. The third ex situ beam from the nave wall also belongs to the fourteenth century, with a felling date of AD 1301–36. This timber was clearly a lintel and suggests a window or door being inserted at this time. It is possible that all of these fourteenth-century timbers are coeval and represent a single programme of felling which could have spanned a small number of years.

The latest phase of building activity as evidenced by the dendrochronology is towards the end of the sixteenth century and is represented by the extant chancel roof, the bell-cote, and the two bell-levers. The present chancel roof had previously been dated to the fifteenth century (Cranage 1901) but, as it is now known to be constructed from timber felled in AD 1570–95, its main date of assembly should now be attributed to the second half of the sixteenth century. However, in the east truss 1, both principals retain redundant mortices for former raked struts and the former tiebeam has been truncated, leaving pads, one of which has been reused upside down. Furthermore, the straight wind-braces have tight ogees on their top faces rather than on their soffits by convention, and are likely to be derivative, but they are tenoned into the side purlins and the principals. These anomalies suggest that this sixteenth-century roof may have been subject to limited re-assembly, plausibly as late as the nineteenth century.

The majority of the timber reused within the bell-cote belongs to the second half of the sixteenth century, having been felled in AD 1567–92. However, the heavily cranked timber which now supports the east side of the bell-cote retains pegged soffit mortices for curved braces and mortices for principals, exactly matching those in the south tiebeam of the porch depicted in a watercolour of 1791 (Burt, 2017, 18; Williams watercolour, Shropshire archives X6001/19/372C/39). The former tiebeam can only have been reused under the bell-cote after that date. Braces were inserted into the bell-cote in AD 1939, when it was also re-boarded (Burt, 2017, 42).

Also thought likely to date to the sixteenth century are the two bell levers, with *termini post quem* dates for felling of AD 1515 and AD 1548. One of the bells is thought to be a sixteenth-century recasting, which would potentially compliment the sixteenth-century date for the levers. Alternatively, given that the bell-cote is known to be constructed from reused sixteenth-century timber it may be that these levers also utilise reused timber and were hence fashioned somewhat later. The closest parallel to these levers are at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Warminghurst, Sussex, where it has been suggested that they are of twelfth-century date. The examples here are obviously very much later than this and could be taken to indicate that this style of headstock lever was used over a prolonged period of time, but they could also suggest that the date of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre levers should perhaps be re-evaluated. Given that the second bell at the Church of St

John the Baptist, Myndtown, is thought to be twelfth century it may be that these levers are replacement copies of earlier ones.

With respect to the source of the structural timbers associated with each of the three main periods of felling identified in the thirteenth-, fourteenth-, and sixteenth-centuries it appears likely that a single woodland source was used and that the woodland sources for each of these periods of felling were relatively local as evidenced by the highest levels of similarity for the three site sequences generally being found with reference chronologies from the surrounding areas (Tables 2 and 4). The exception to this is the short, less well-replicated site chronology representing the two bell-levers, which shows the highest levels of similarity with a more disparate series of reference chronologies.

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# Table 1: Details of samples taken from Church of St John the Baptist, Myndtown, Shropshire

Sample	Sample location	Total	Sapwood rings	First measured	Last heartwood ring	Last measured	
number		rings		ring date (AD)	date (AD)	ring date (AD)	
Nave							
Remnants of earlier roof							
MYN-T01	Truncated tiebeam/sole-plate 2	146		1042		1187	
MYN-T02	Tiebeam 3	116		1066		1181	
MYN-T03	Truncated tiebeam/sole-plate 4	156	h/s	1055	1210	1210	
MYN-T04	Truncated tiebeam/sole-plate 6	52		1077		1128	
MYN-T05	Truncated tiebeam/sole-plate 11	71		1055		1125	
MYN-T06	Truncated tiebeam/sole-plate 12	NM					
MYN-T07	Truncated tiebeam/sole-plate 17	173		1027		1199	
MYN-T08	Truncated tiebeam/sole-plate 19	132		1041		1172	
MYN-T09	Truncated tiebeam/sole-plate 21	87		1048		1134	
MYN-T10	Truncated tiebeam/sole-plate 22	62					
MYN-T11	Truncated tiebeam/sole-plate 27	59		1057		1115	
MYN-T12	North wallplate, 8–9	68		1067		1134	
Extant roof			•	•			
MYN-T13	South ashlar 2	152	h/s	1140	1291	1291	
MYN-T14	North rafter 7	57		1097		1153	
MYN-T15	South ashlar 7	71	h/s	1233	1303	1303	
MYN-T16	South ashlar 9	73	h/s	1234	1306	1306	
MYN-T17	South archbrace 9	82	h/s	1223	1304	1304	
MYN-T18	North ashlar 12	156	28	1164	1291	1319	
MYN-T19	South rafter 13	183		1105		1287	
MYN-T20	North archbrace 13	129	h/s	1168	1296	1296	
MYN-T21	South rafter 14	113		1121		1233	
MYN-T22	North ashlar 15	143	23	1183	1302	1325	

MYN-T23	North rafter 16	111	h/s	1189	1299	1299
MYN-T24	North rafter 20	144	h/s	1150	1293	1293
<i>Ex situ</i> timb	ers				·	•
MYN-T25	Beam 1 - lintel	76	h/s	1211	1286	1286
MYN-T26	Beam 2	135	h/s	1062	1196	1196
MYN-T27	Beam 3	177	h/s	1033	1209	1209
Chancel					•	
Remnants of	f earlier roof					
MYN-T28	North plate	59		1070		1128
MYN-T29	Truncated tiebeam/sole-plate 1 (north)	162		1092		1253
MYN-T30	Truncated tiebeam/sole-plate 1 (south)	180	h/s	1098	1277	1277
MYN-T31	South ashlar 3	NM				
MYN-T32	Truncated tiebeam/sole-plate 4 (north)	207	58C	1126	1274	1332
MYN-T33	South ashlar 4	111		1148		1258
MYN-T34	Truncated tiebeam/sole-plate 5 (south)	69		1177		1245
MYN-T35	Truncated tiebeam/sole-plate 6 (south)	78	h/s	1207	1284	1284
MYN-T36	North ashlar 7	55	h/s			
MYN-T37	Truncated tiebeam/sole-plate 8 (south)	159		1040		1198
MYN-T38	Truncated tiebeam/sole-plate 8 (north)	90		1089		1178
MYN-T39	North brace (chancel arch)	127	h/s	1182	1308	1308
MYN-T40	South brace (chancel arch)	94		1190		1283
Extant roof						
MYN-T41	North principal, truss 1	83		1455		1537
MYN-T42	South principal, truss 1	100	h/s	1461	1560	1560
MYN-T43	Tiebeam, truss 1	84		1434		1517
MYN-T44	North principal rafter, truss 2	NM				
MYN-T45	South principal rafter, truss 2	49		1460		1508
MYN-T46	Tiebeam, truss 2	87	h/s	1467	1553	1553
MYN-T47	Collar, truss 2	78		1444		1521
MYN-T48	North strut, truss 2	70	08	1487	1548	1556
MYN-T49	South strut, truss 2	92		1440		1531
MYN-T50	Ridge beam	74		1449		1522

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NM = not measured h/s = the heartwood/sapwood boundary is the last-measured ring C = complete sapwood retained on sample, last-measured ring is the felling date

Table 2: Results of the cross-matching of site sequence MYNTSQ01 and relevant reference chronologies when the first-ring date is AD 1027 and the last-measured ring date is AD 1332

Site reference	<i>t</i> – value	Span of chronology	Reference
Stokesay Castle, Shropshire	16.8	AD 1046–1289	Miles and Worthington 1997
Wistanstow Church, Dorset	16.4	AD 1069–1199	Miles 1998
Wigmore Abbey, Herefordshire	14.1	AD 1055–1729	Tyers 2002a
Chapter House/Deanery, Brecon Cathedral	11.4	AD 996–1227	Howard <i>et al</i> 1994a
Great Oxenbold, Shropshire	10.8	AD 1081–1246	Miles et al 1993
Angel Choir, Lincoln Cathedral, Lincolnshire	10.4	AD 904–1257	Laxton and Litton 1988
Hergest Court, Kington, Herefordshire	10.1	AD 1078–1306	Miles 2001
Kenilworth Castle Gatehouse, Warwickshire	10.0	AD 1092–1332	Arnold and Howard 2007b
Blackfriars Priory, Gloucester, Gloucestershire	9.6	AD 1024–1237	Howard <i>et al</i> 2002
Kempley Church (nave roof), Gloucestershire	9.4	AD 1036–1114	Miles and Worthington 1999

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Table 3: Results of the cross-matching of site sequence MYNTSQ02 and relevant reference chronologies when the first-ring date is AD 1506 and the last-measured ring date is AD 1566

Site reference	<i>t</i> – value	Span of chronology	Reference
Ulnaby Hall, High Coniscliffe, Darlington, County Durham	6.7	AD 1493–1608	Hurford <i>et al</i> 2009
28–30 The Close, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	6.6	AD 1461–1616	Arnold <i>et al</i> 2008a
Hallgarth Manor Cottages, Pittington, County Durham	6.4	AD 1336–1624	Howard <i>et al</i> 2001
Manor Farm, Bedstone, Shropshire	6.0	AD 1341–1560	Miles <i>et al</i> 1995
The Market House, Ledbury, Herefordshire	6.0	AD 1485–1617	Arnold <i>et al</i> 2008b
5 Church Street, Newark, Nottinghamshire	5.9	AD 1403–1655	Arnold <i>et al</i> 2002
17/21 Boar Lane, Newark, Nottinghamshire	5.8	AD 1507–1657	Arnold <i>et al</i> 2002
The Guildhall, Worcester, Worcestershire	5.7	AD 1420–1582	Arnold <i>et al</i> 2006
Bedehouse, Wirksworth, Derbyshire	5.7	AD 1479–1583	Howard <i>et al</i> 1994b
Green Farm, Offcote, Derbyshire	5.4	AD 1460–1578	Arnold <i>et al</i> 2008c

Table 4: Results of the cross-matching of site sequence MYNTSQ03 and relevant reference chronologies when the first-ring date is AD 1420 and the last-measured ring date is AD 1568

Site reference	<i>t</i> – value	Span of chronology	Reference
Croft Castle, Croft, Herefordshire	9.9	AD 1420–1568	Tyers 2002b
Stokesay Castle, Shropshire	9.7	AD 1449–1640	Miles and Worthington 1997
Alcester Town Hall, Alcester, Warwickshire	9.6	AD 1374–1625	Arnold and Howard 2014
Buildwas Abbey, Shropshire	8.7	AD 1374–1547	Miles 2002
Bryn Cambric, Chapel Lawn Shropshire	8.6	AD 1371–1568	Worthington and Miles 2003
26 Westgate Street, Gloucester, Gloucestershire	8.6	AD 1399–1622	Howard <i>et al</i> 1998
Court House, Shelsley Walsh,	8.5	AD 1387–1575	Arnold <i>et al</i> 2008c
Lower House Farm, Tupsley, Herefordshire	8.4	AD 1425–1613	Tyers 1997
Old House Farm, Bredwardine, Herefordshire	8.1	AD 1408–1595	Arnold <i>et al</i> 2013
Mansion House Farm, Eckington, Derbyshire	8.1	AD 1426–1550	Howard <i>et al</i> 1994b

## FIGURES



Figure 1: Maps to show the location of Myndtown, Shropshire (marked in red). Scale: top right 1:105,000; bottom 1:3,000. © Crown Copyright and database right 2022. All rights reserved. Ordnance Survey Licence number 100024900

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Figure 2: Plan of St John the Baptist Church (Arrol and Snell Limited)



Figure 3: Earlier nave roof from the east, with intact tiebeam in background and the southern end of truncated tiebeams or sole-plates to the left (photograph Alison Arnold)



Figure 4: Extant nave roof, upper, from the west (photograph Robert Howard)



Figure 5: Extant nave roof, lower, from the east (photograph Robert Howard)



Figure 6: Remnants of an earlier chancel roof, from the north-west (photograph Alison Arnold)



Figure 7: Extant chancel roof, truss 2, from the east (photograph Alison Arnold)



*Figure 8: Bell-cote, from the north-west (photograph Robert Howard)* 



Figure 9: Bell-levers for bell 1 (above; photograph George Dawson) and bell 2 (bottom; photograph Robert Howard)



*Figure 10: One of the ex situ beams, sample MYN-T25 (photograph Alison Arnold)* 



Figure 11: Plan of the nave roof, showing the location of samples MYN-T01–12 (Bob Meeson)



Figure 12: Nave roof, frame 2, showing sampled timber MYN-T13 (Bob Meeson)



Figure 13: Nave roof, frame 7, showing sampled timbers MYN-T14 and MYN-T15 (Bob Meeson)



Figure 14: Nave roof, frame 9, showing sampled timbers MYN-T16 and MYN-T17 (Bob Meeson)



Figure 15: Nave roof, frame 12, showing sampled timber MYN-T18 (Bob Meeson)



Figure 16: Nave roof, frame 13, showing sampled timbers MYN-T19 and MYN-T20 (Bob Meeson)



Figure 17: Nave roof, frame 14, showing sampled timber MYN-T21 (Bob Meeson)



Figure 18: Nave roof, frame 15, showing sampled timber MYN-T22 (Bob Meeson)



Figure 19: Nave roof, frame 16, showing sampled timber MYN-T23 (Bob Meeson)



Figure 20: Nave roof, frame 20, showing sampled timber MYN-T24 (Bob Meeson)




*Figure 21: Sampled timbers MYN-T25–7 (photographs Alison Arnold)* 



Figure 22: Plan of chancel, showing sampled timbers MYN-T28–43 and MYN-T52 (Arrol and Snell Ltd)



*Figure 23: Chancel, truss 2, showing the location of samples MYN-T44–51 (Arrol and Snell Ltd)* 



Figure 24: Bell-cote, showing sampled timbers MYN-T54–57, MYN-T59, and MYN-T61–2, from the south (photograph Robert Howard)



MYN-T53

*Figure 25: Bell-cote, showing sampled timbers MYN-T53, MYN-T58, and MYN-T60, from the north (photograph Robert Howard)* 



*Figure 26: Bar diagram showing the relative position of samples in site sequence MYNTSQ01* 



Figure 27: Bar diagram showing the relative position of samples in site sequence MYNTSQ02



Figure 28: Bar diagram to show the relative position of samples in site sequence MYNTSQ03



Figure 29: Bar diagram of all dated samples, sorted by phase

### DATA OF MEASURED SAMPLES

Measurements in 0.01mm units

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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.



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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

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### 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 50 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 50 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.



*Figure A5: Cross-matching of four sequences from a Lincoln Cathedral roof and the formation of a site sequence from them* 

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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