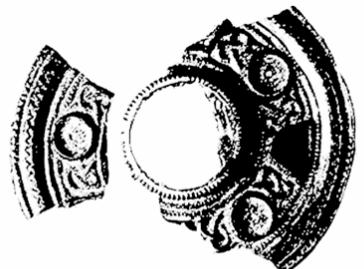


The Staffordshire Hoard



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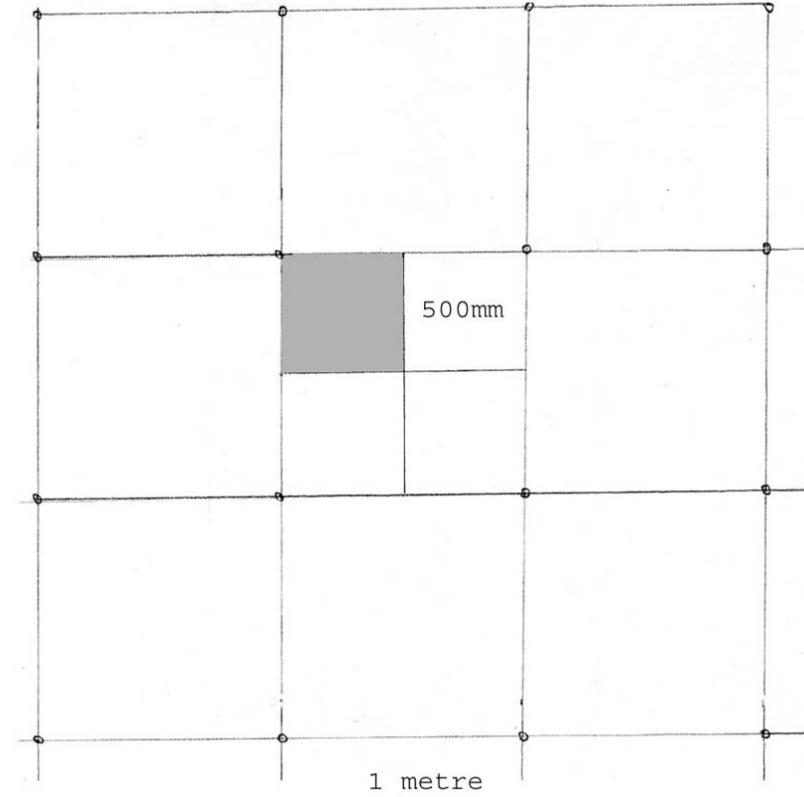
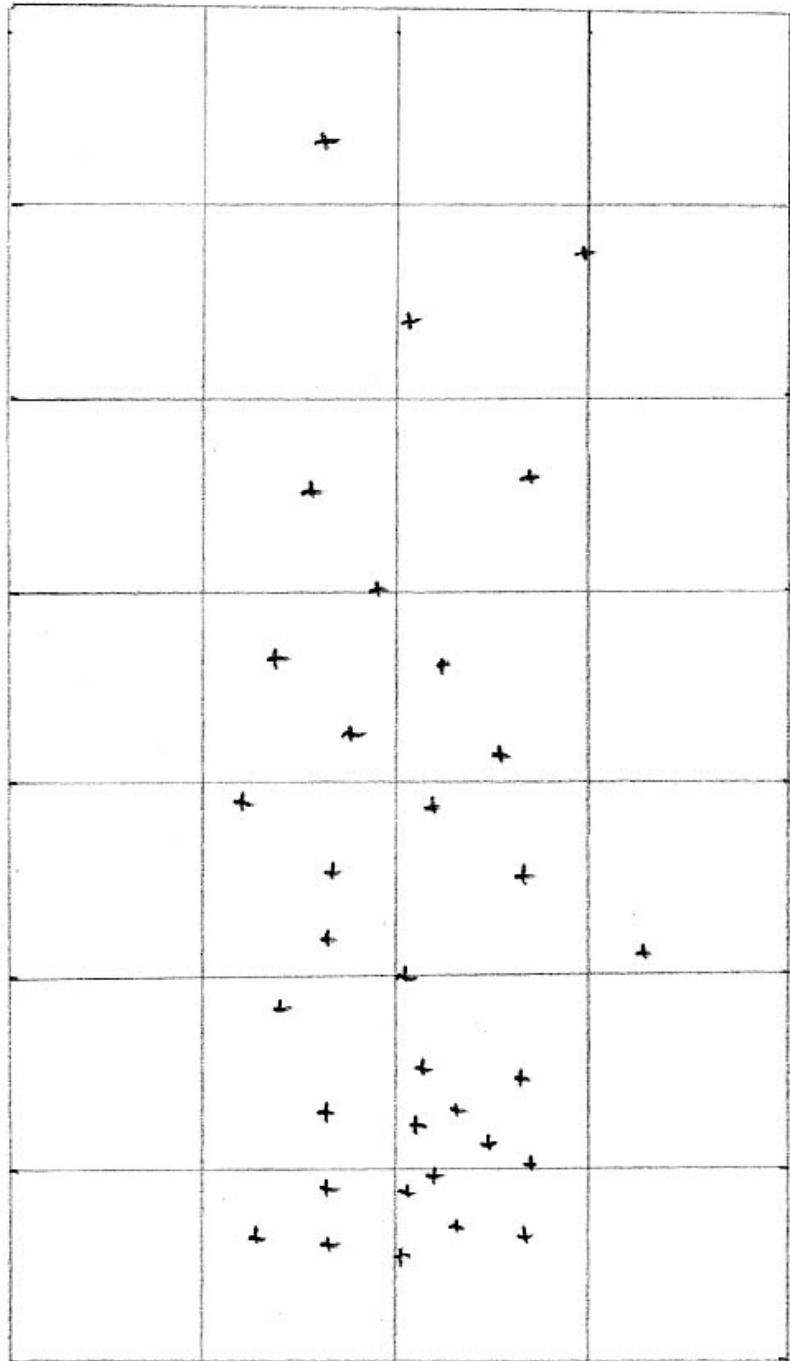




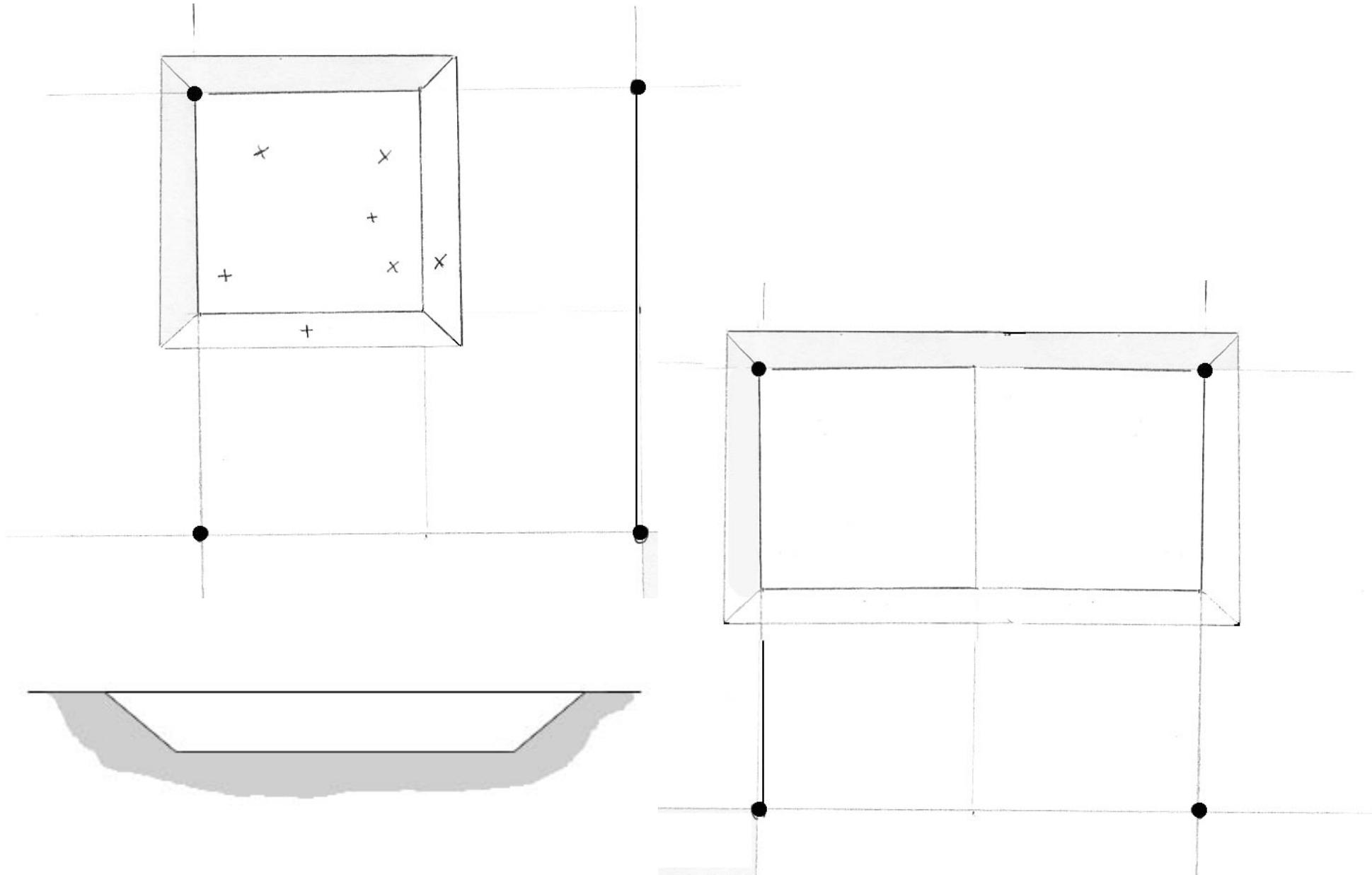
But how should we dig a dispersed hoard?







One metre squares



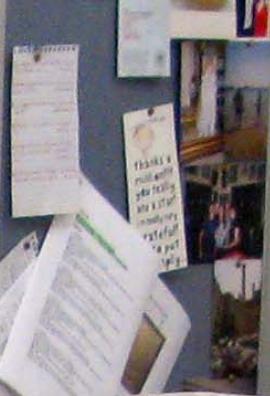




LASER RADIATION
EYES OR SKIN EXPOSURE TO
DIRECT OR SCATTERED RADIATION
CAUSES HARMFUL PRODUCT



DAY 5
F.G 16/3/09



21 SOIL BAGS
CONTAINING
MAINLY GOLD +
SILVER BLTS

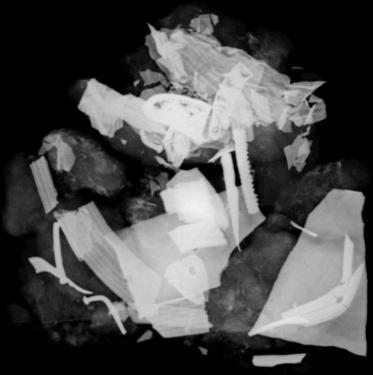




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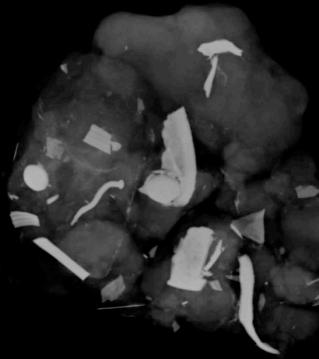




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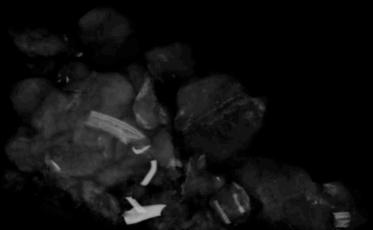
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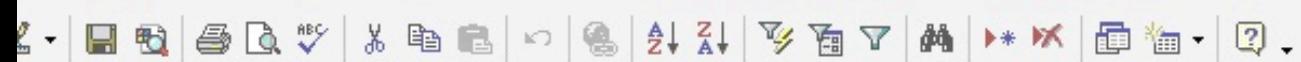


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Staffordshire Hoard

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NLM: Finders no :

Item: Broken: Complete: Dirty: Distorted:

Decoration

Cabochon: Cloisonne: Foil Backed: Geometric: Gilt: Grooved:
Incised: Interlace: Niello: Raised: Style II: Zoomorphic:
Filigree: Reeded: Ringed: Plain: Scrolled:

Dimensions

Length: Width: Thickn: Diameter: Height: Mass:

Materials

Garnet: Glass: Gold: Iron: Silver: Copper Alloy:

Analysis (%)

Au: Ag: Cu: Other metal 1: Other metal 2:

Date: C6-C7

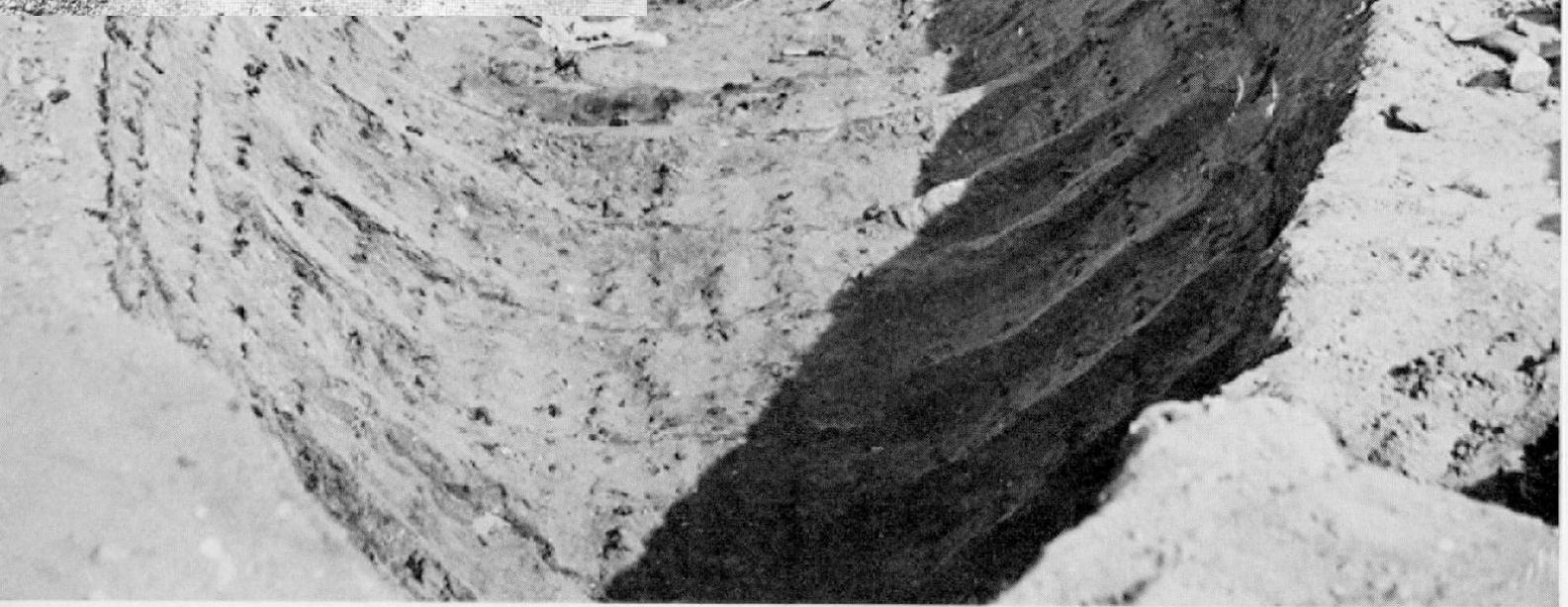
Notes:

The Hoard Contains:

- More than 1,800 objects
- More than 5kg of gold
- More than 1.3kg of silver
- Much use of garnet inlay
- Much use of Style II decoration
- Almost entirely war gear – 86 swords
- Few dress fittings
- Some Christian material







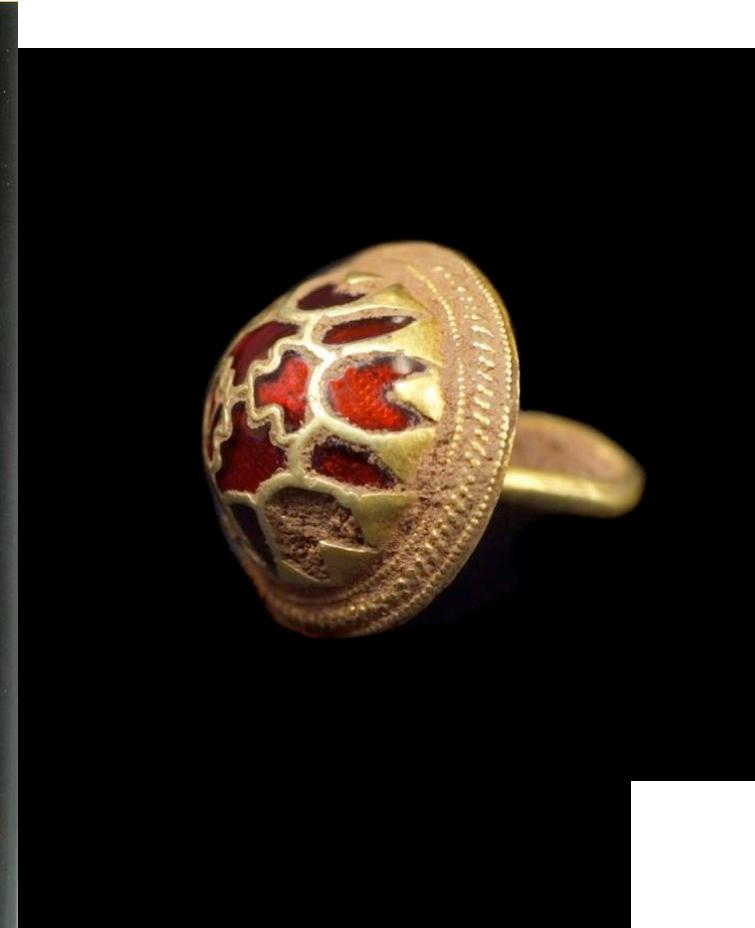
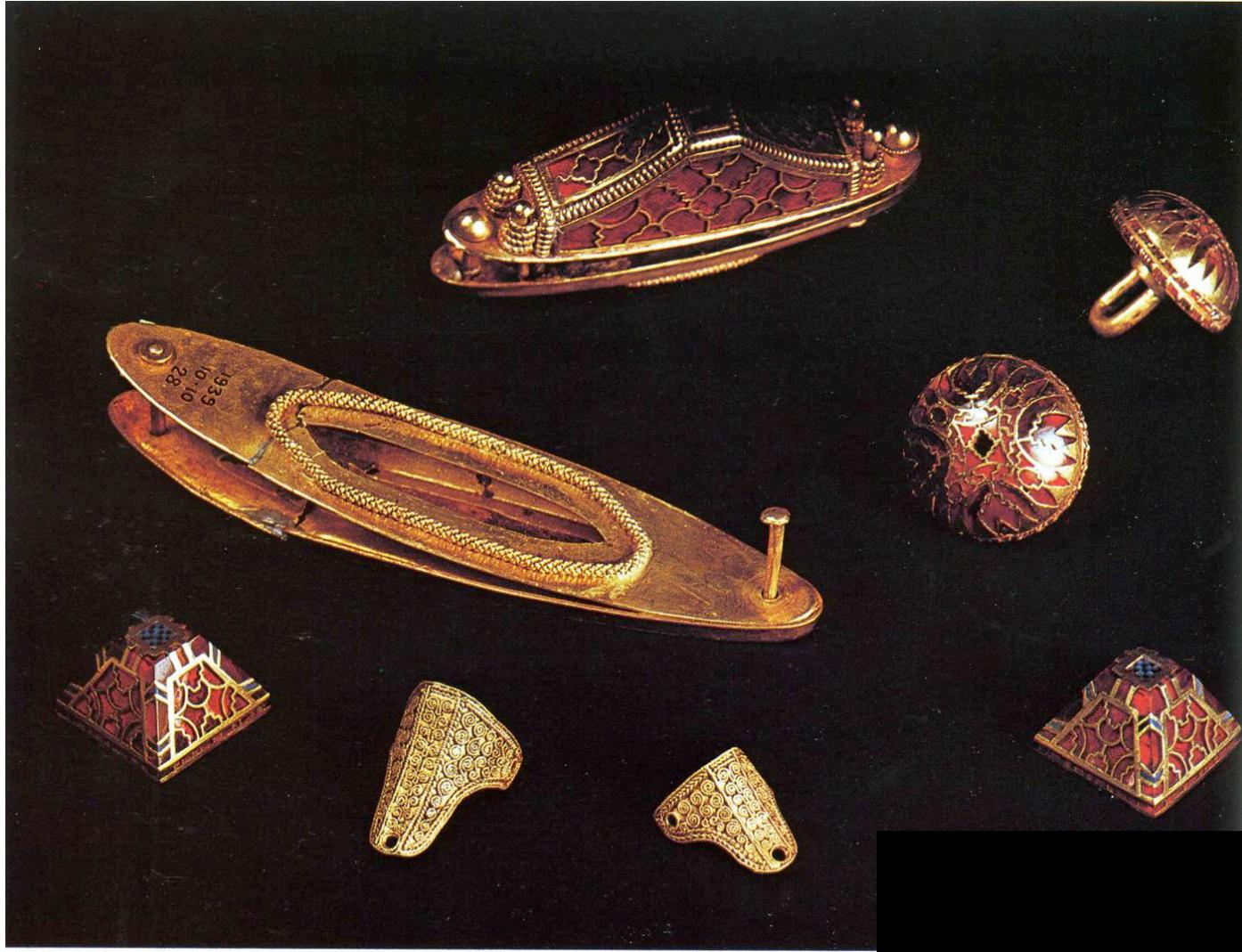






Hilt fittings,
Market Rasen, Lincs





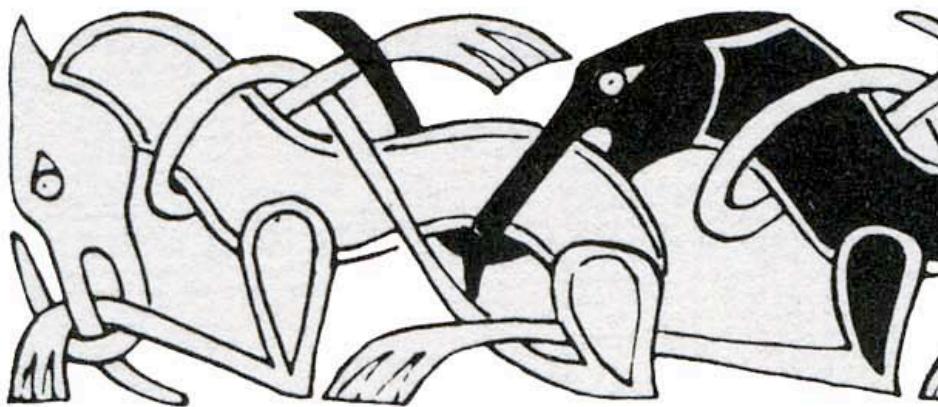
Sutton Hoo, sword hilt

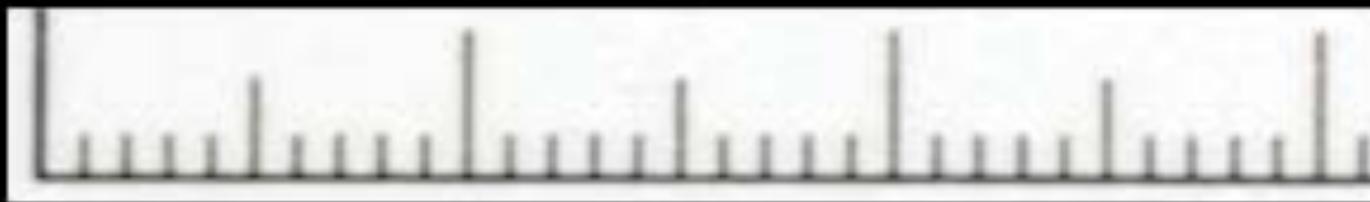














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Aldborough, Yorks



Rippingale, Lincs



Wellingore, Lincs

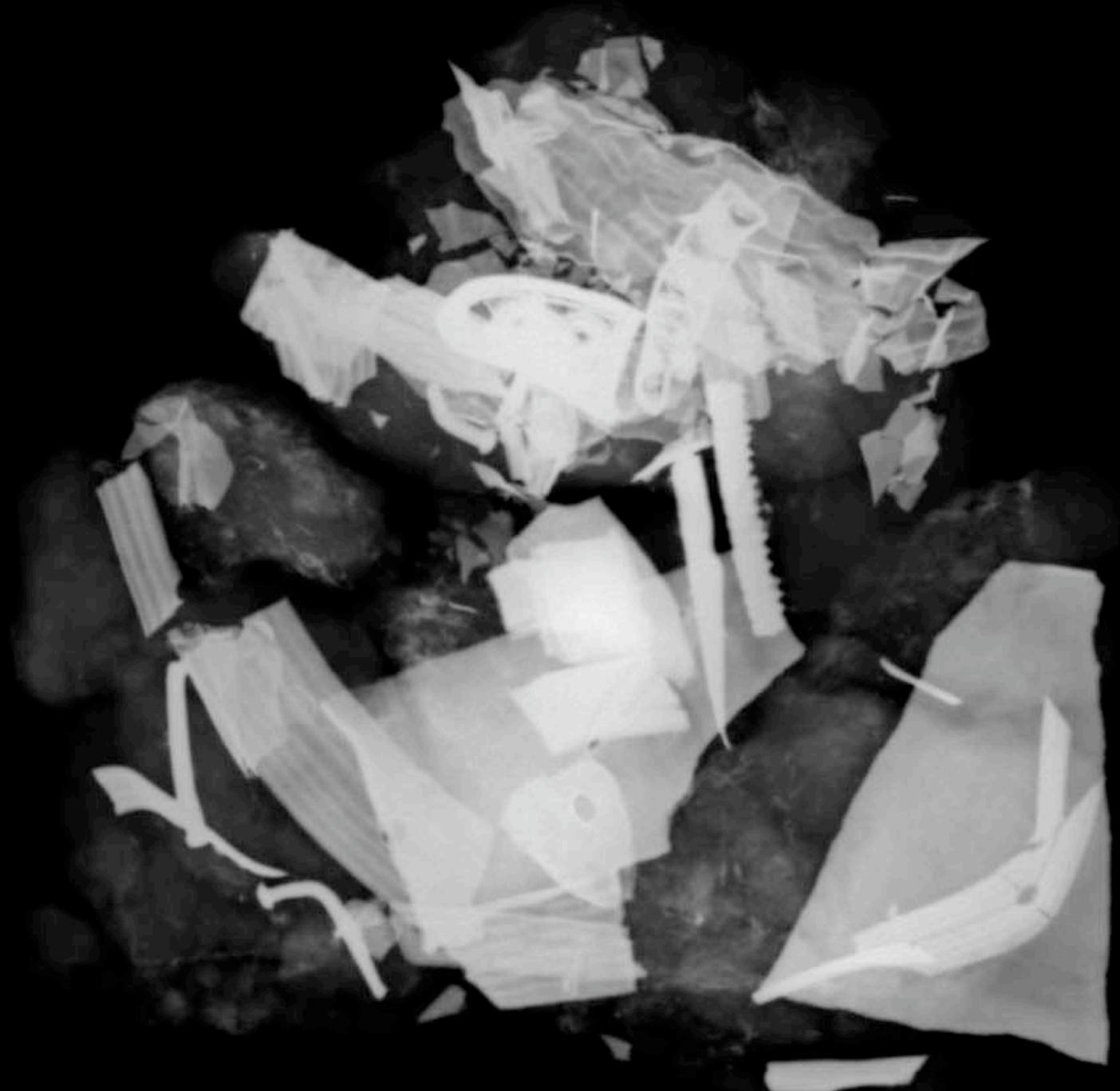


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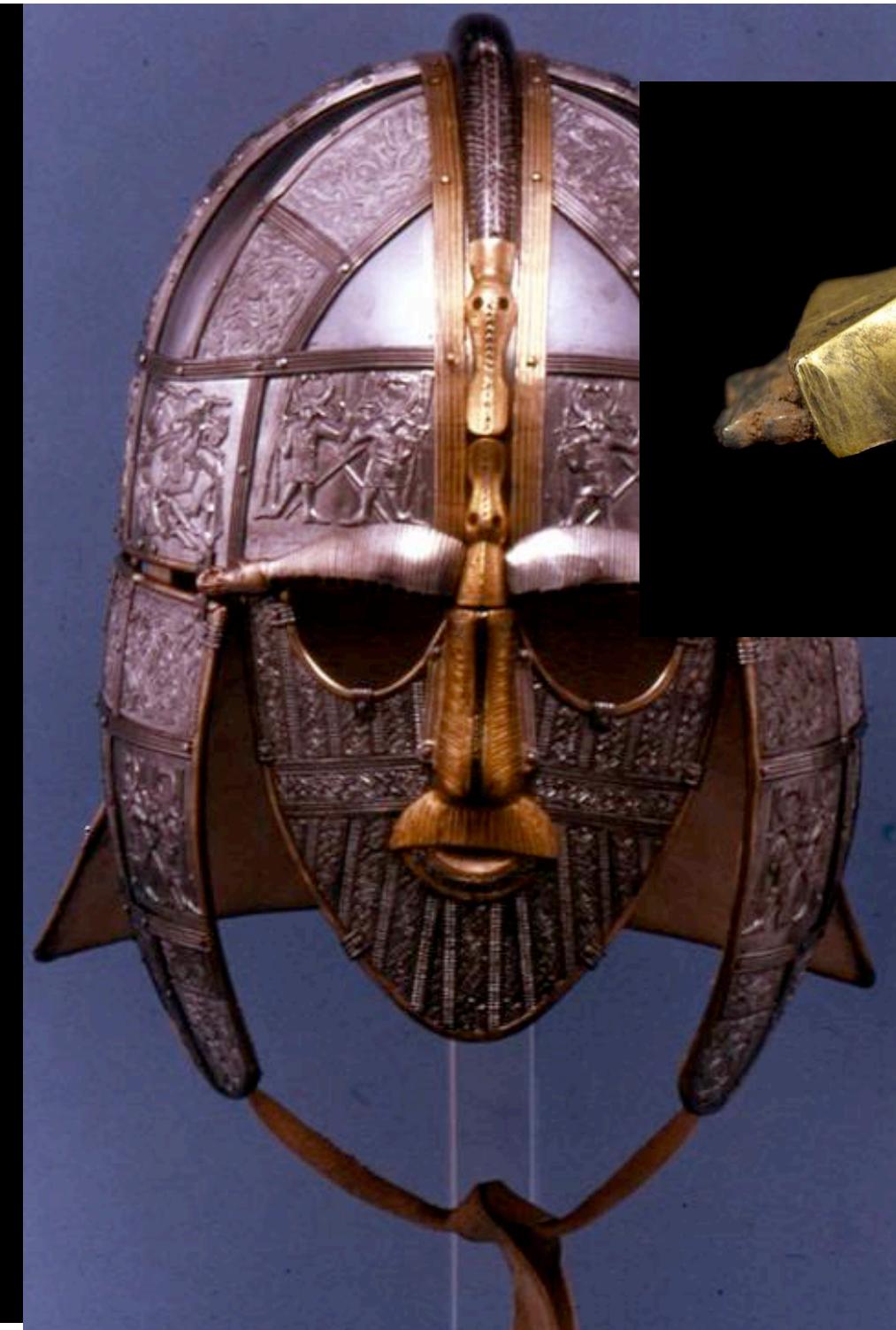


Hacheston, Suff.



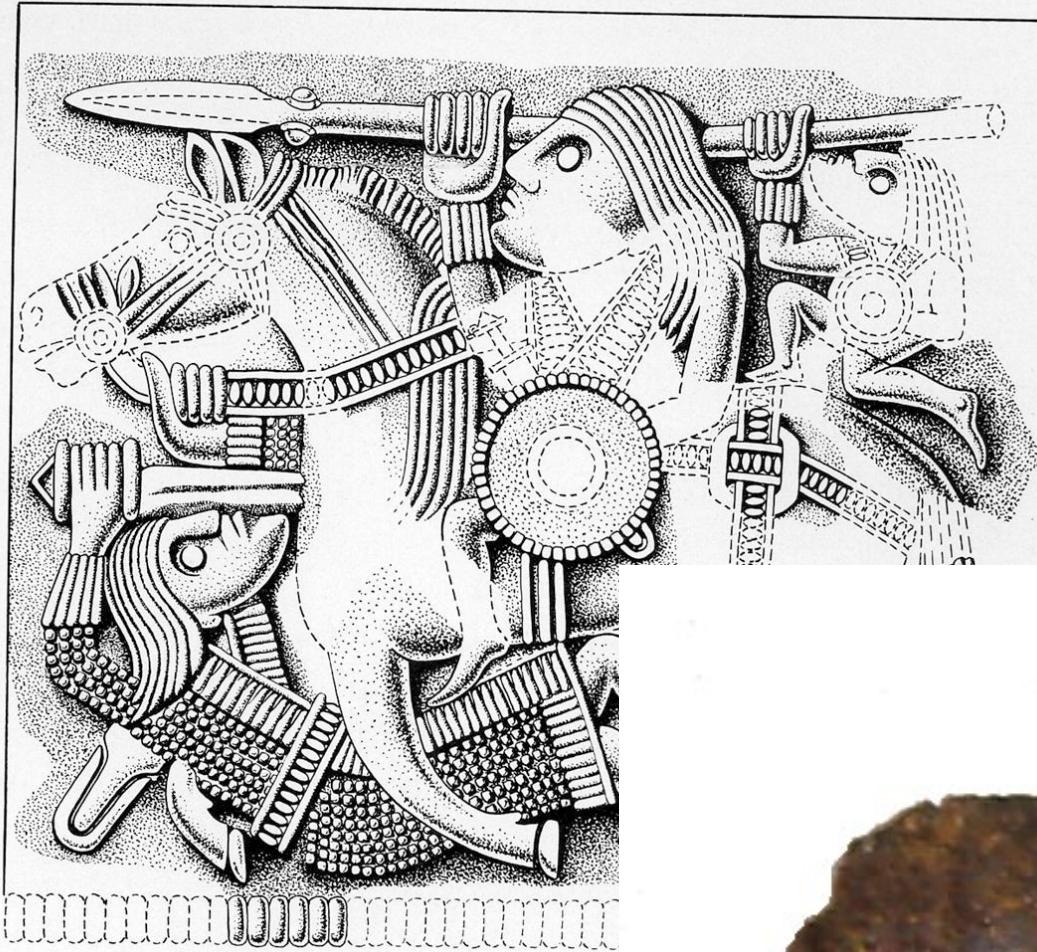


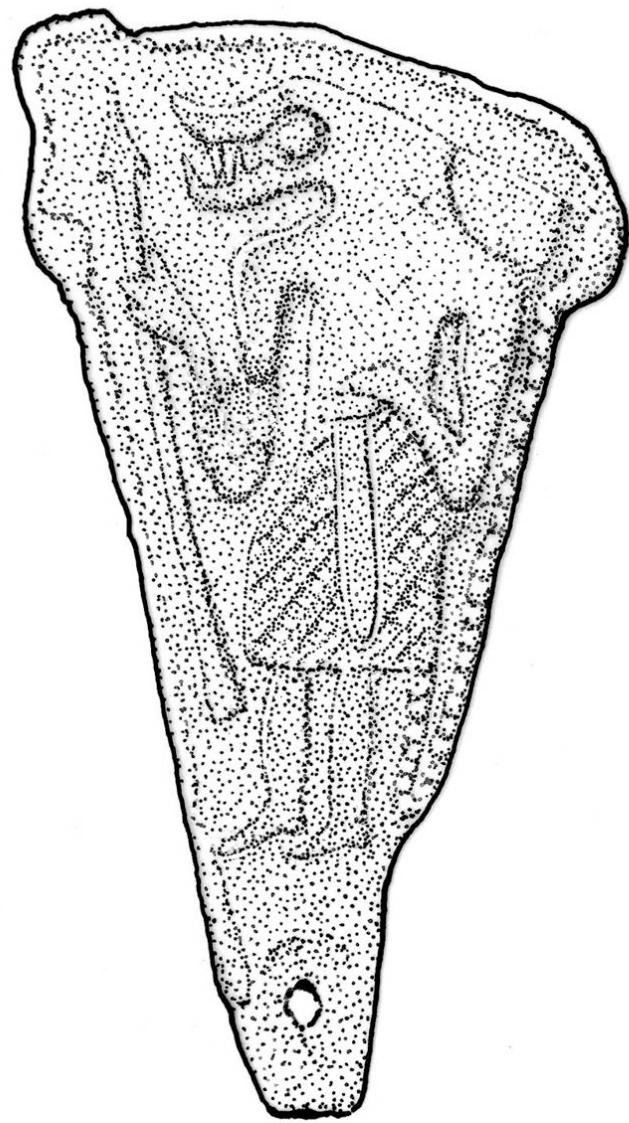


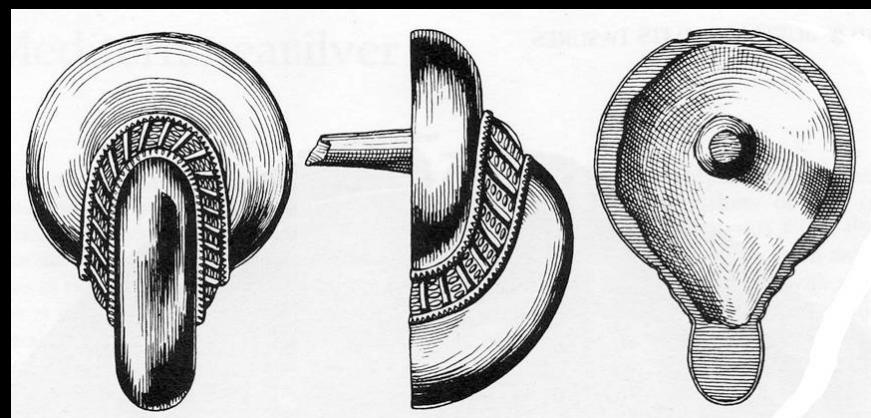


“The hard helmet, hasped with
gold, will be stripped of its hoops”

Beowulf, 2255-6









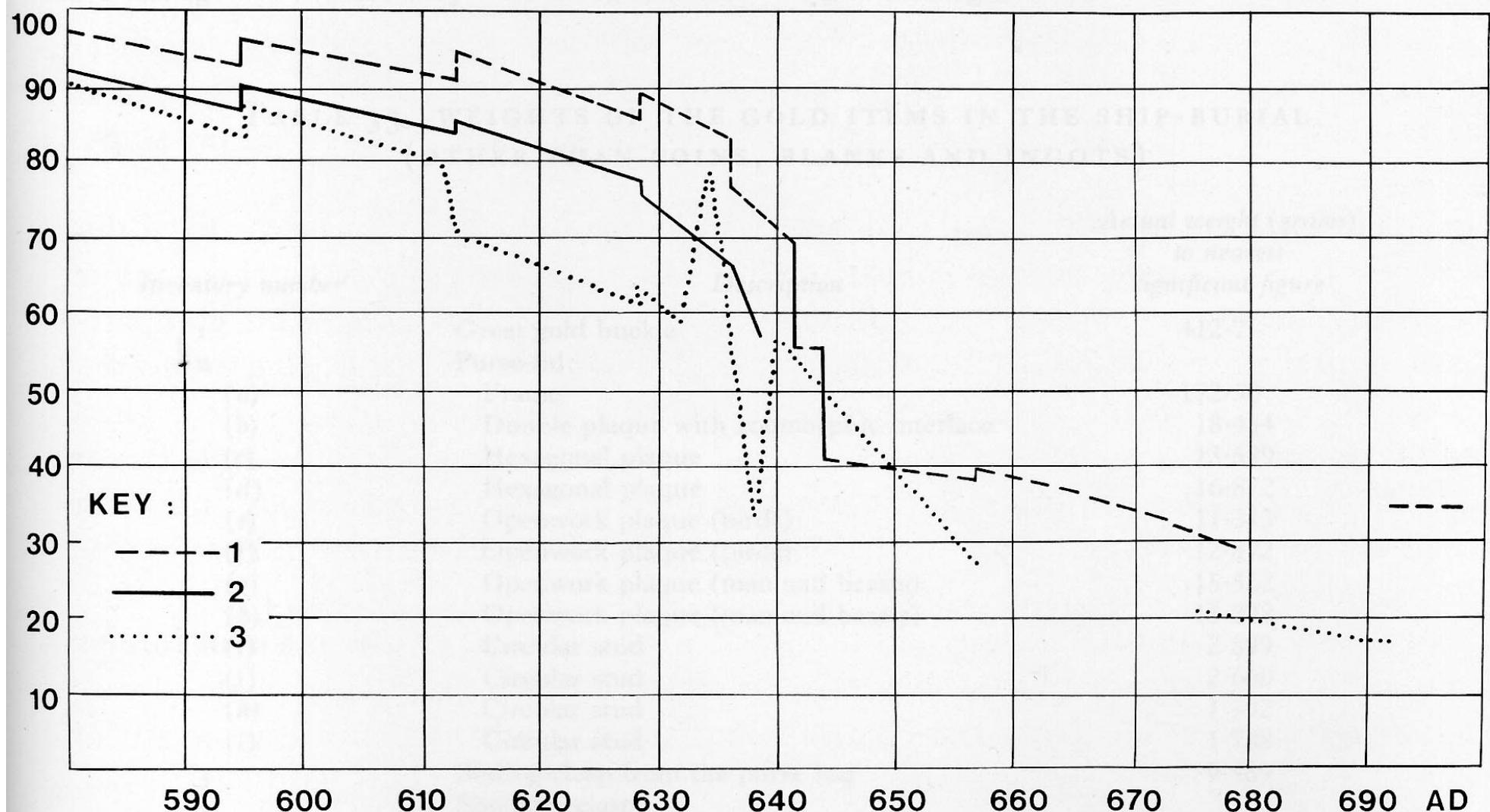




“Rise up, o Lord, and may Thy
enemies be dispersed and
those who hate Thee be
driven from Thy Face”

Numbers ch. 10 v.35

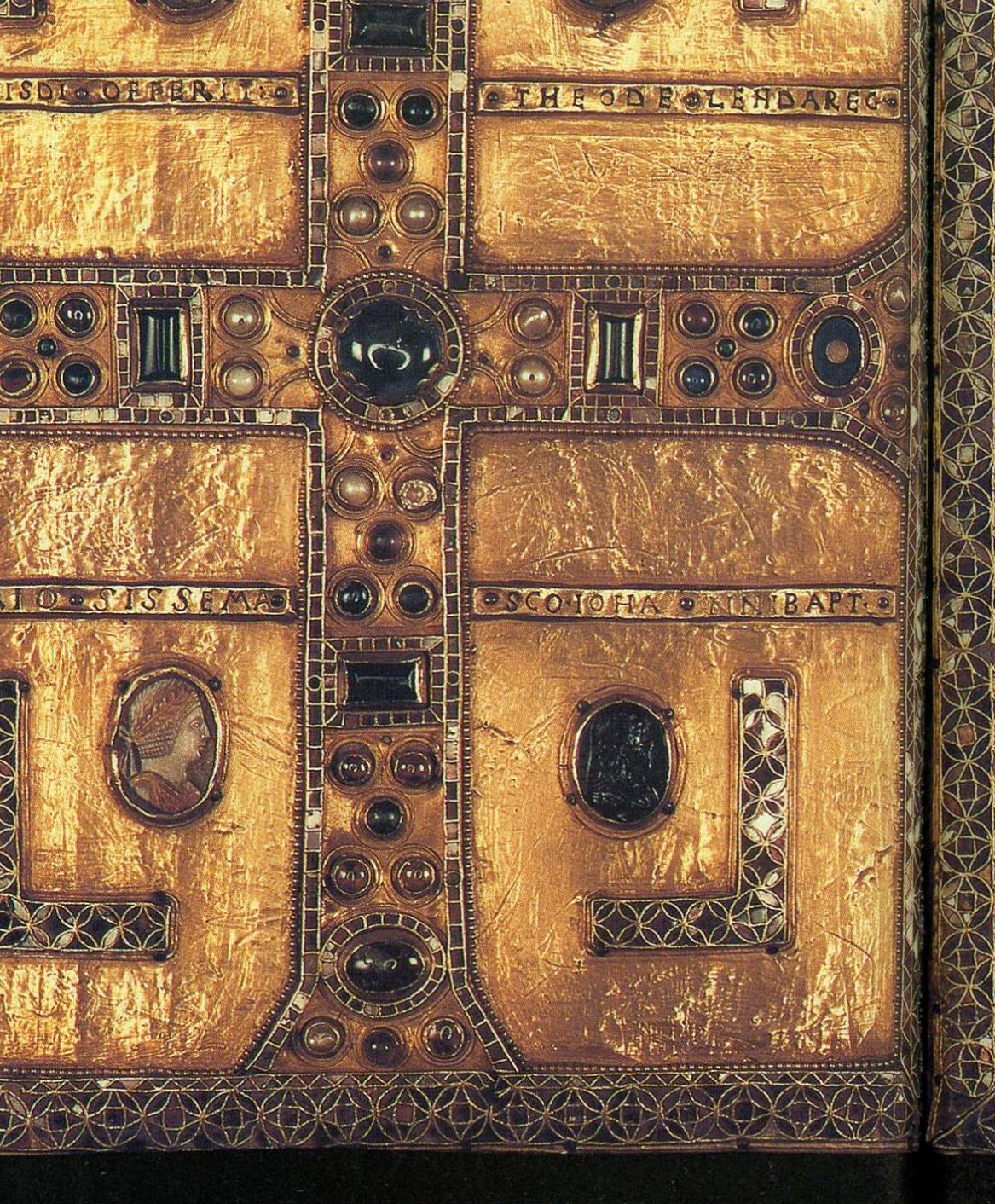
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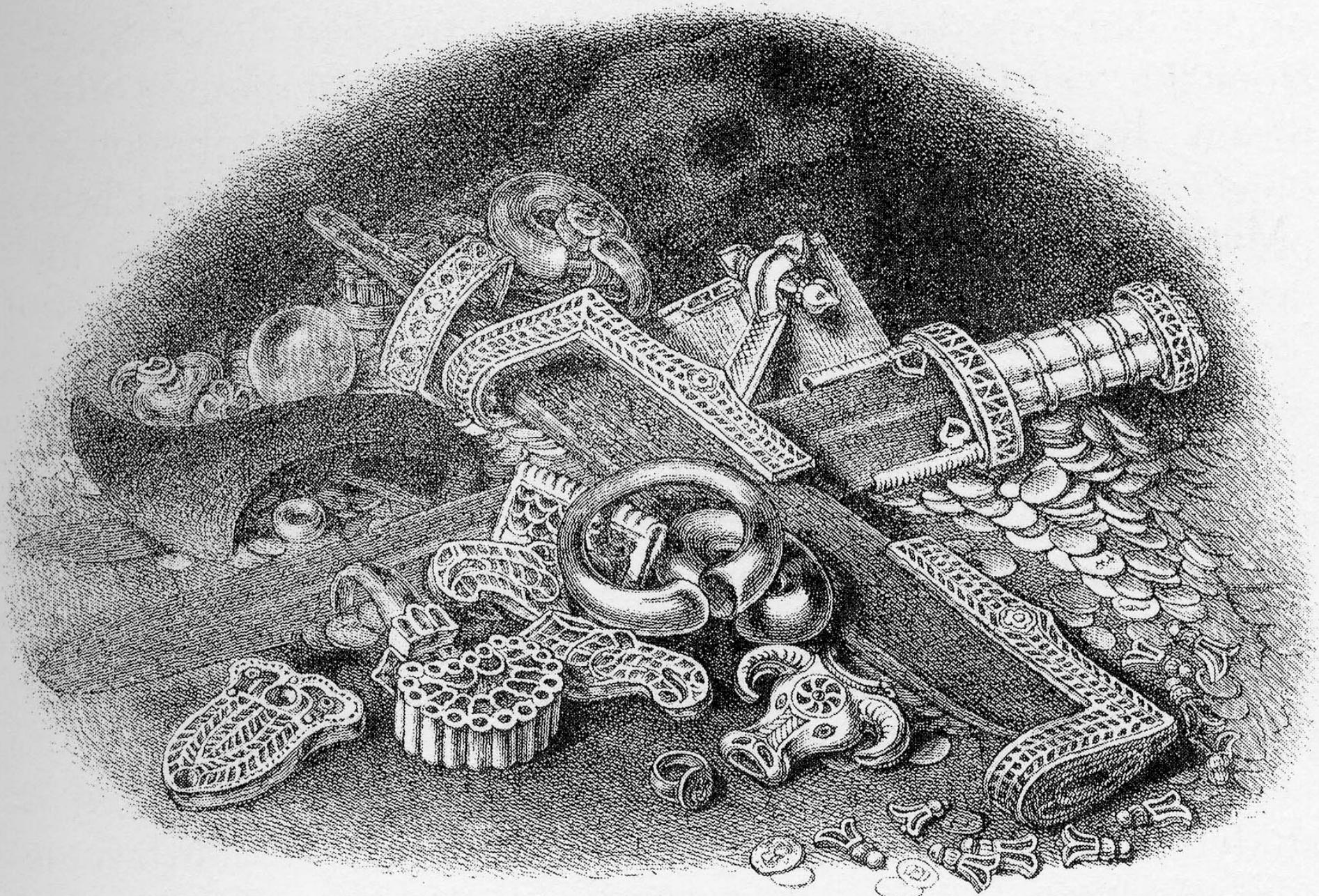


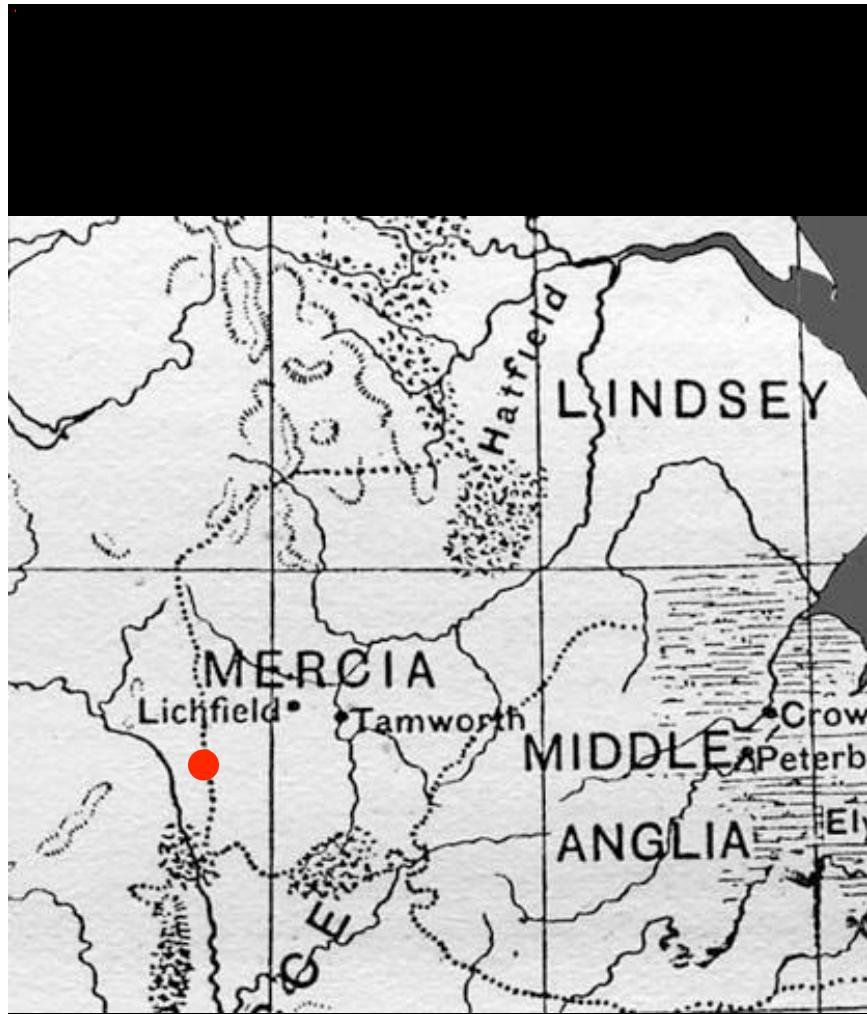






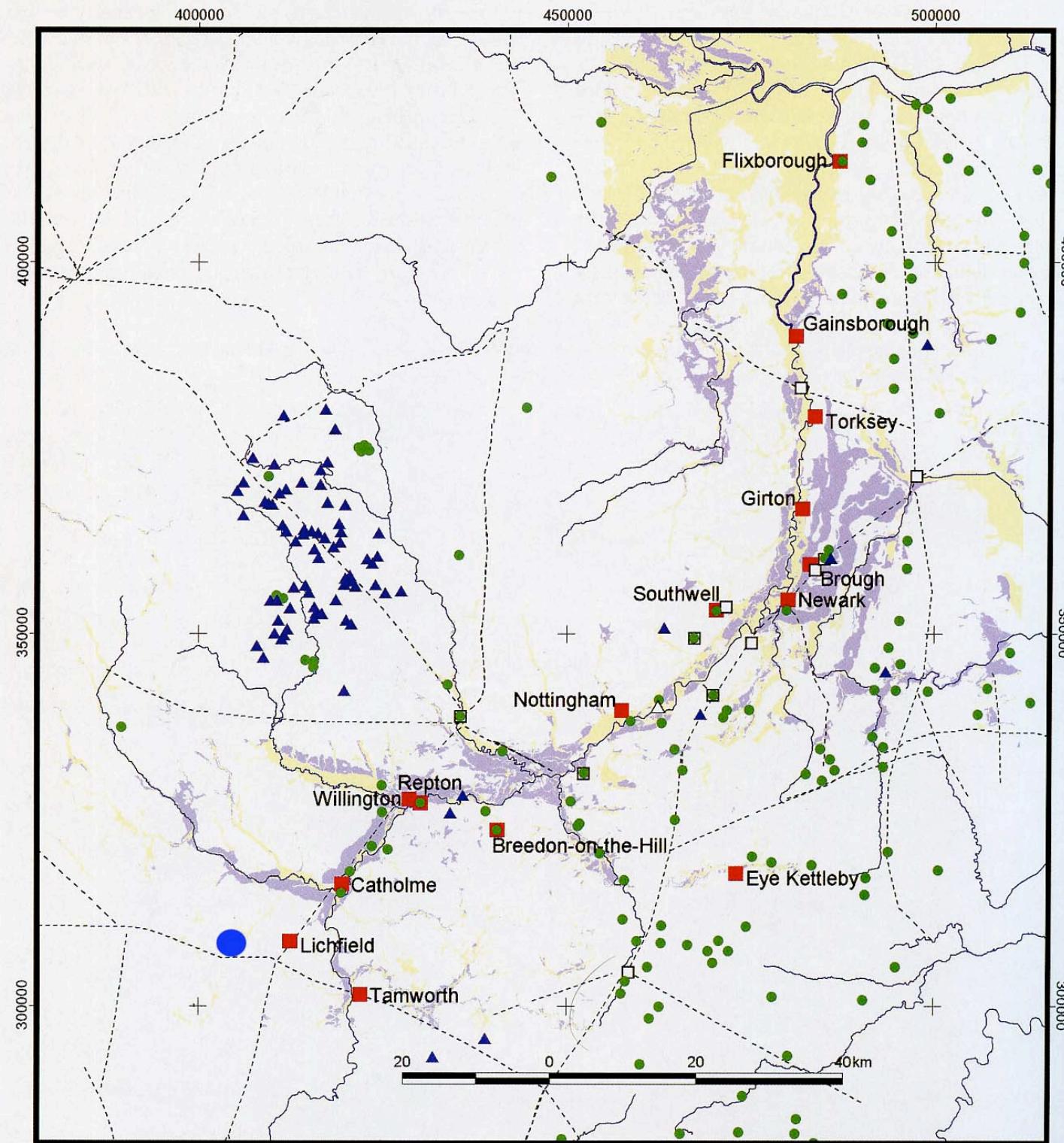


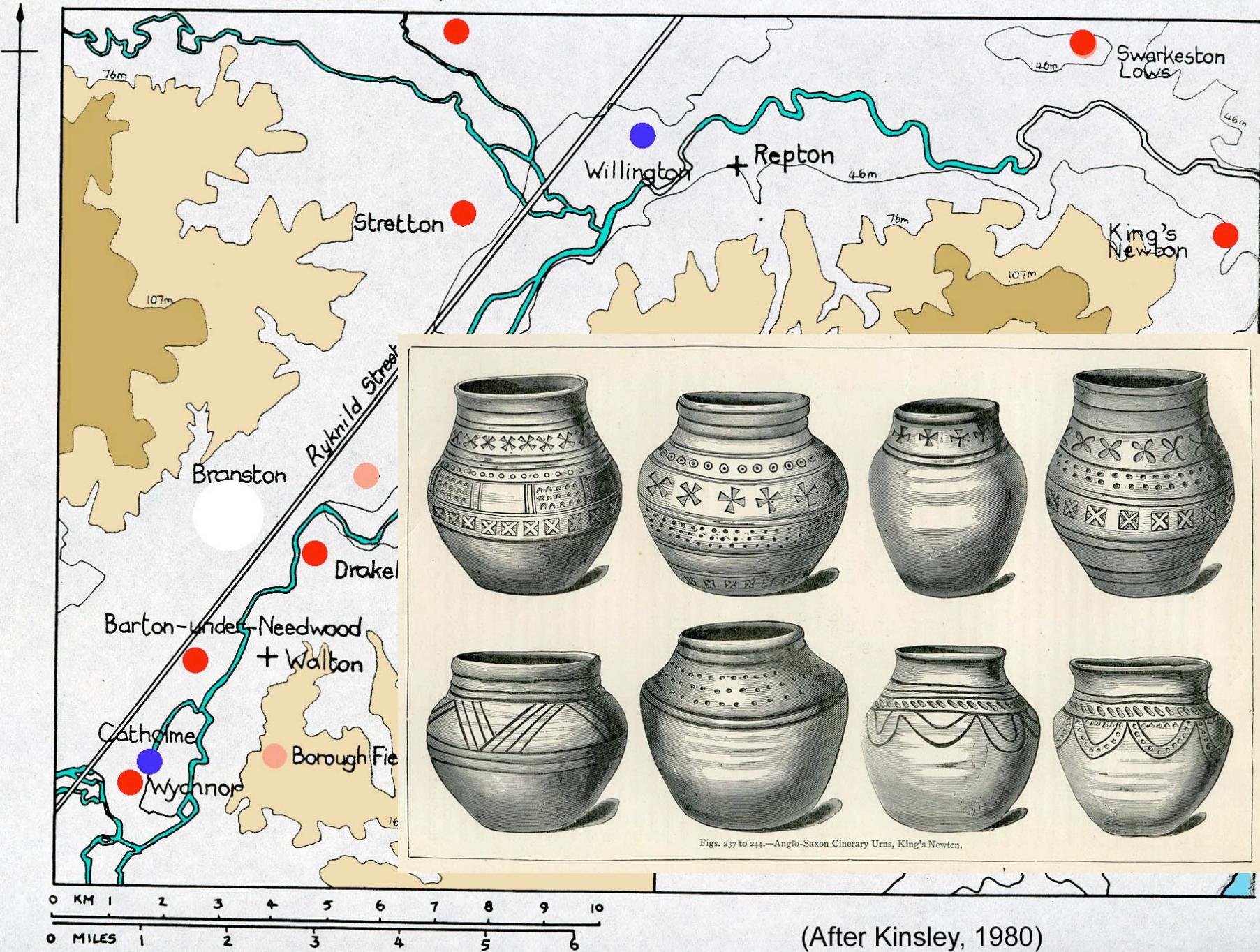


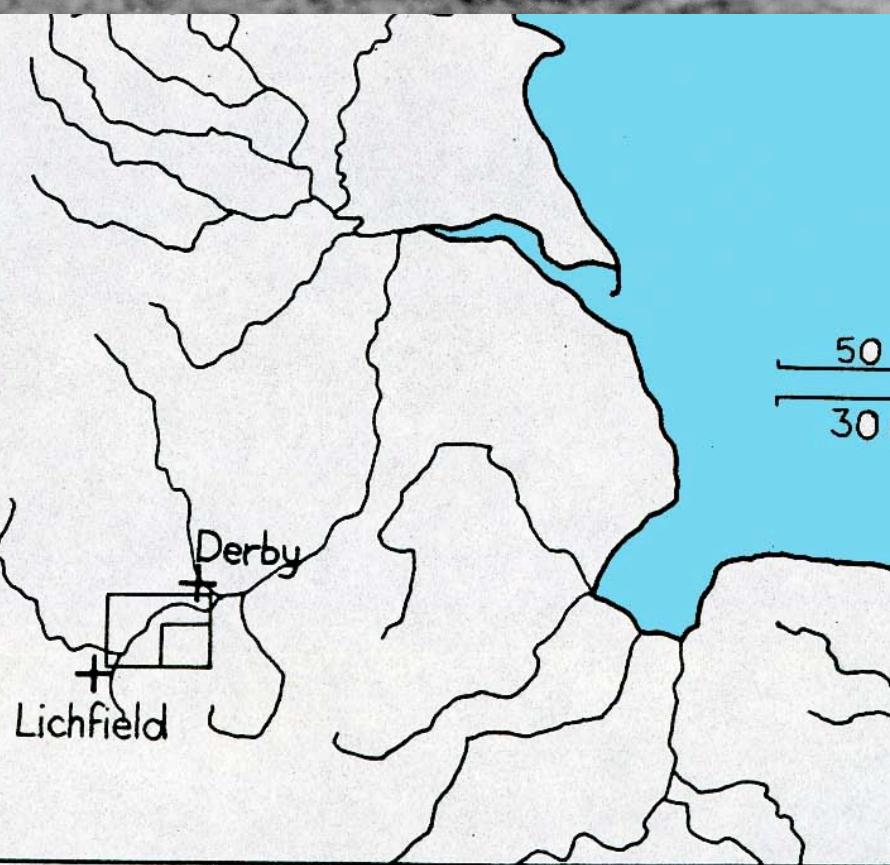
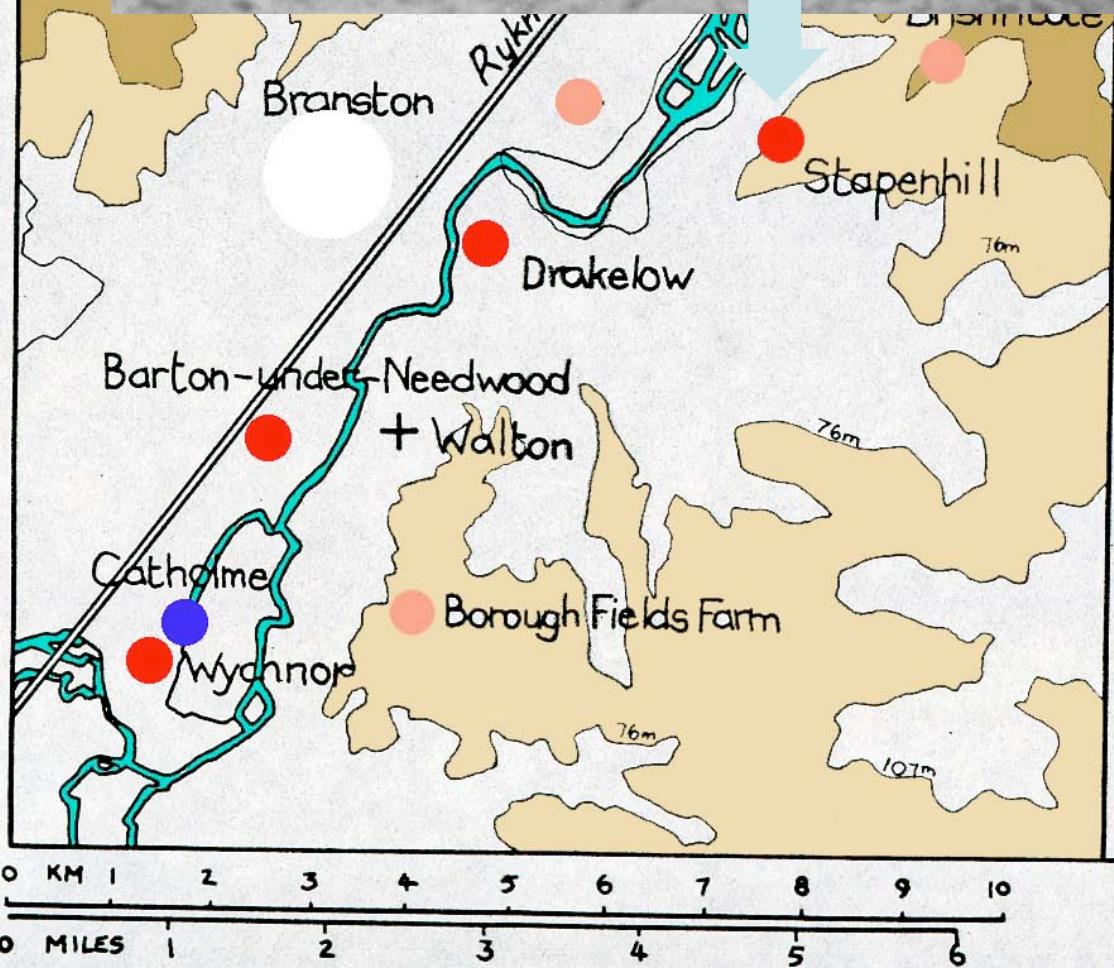


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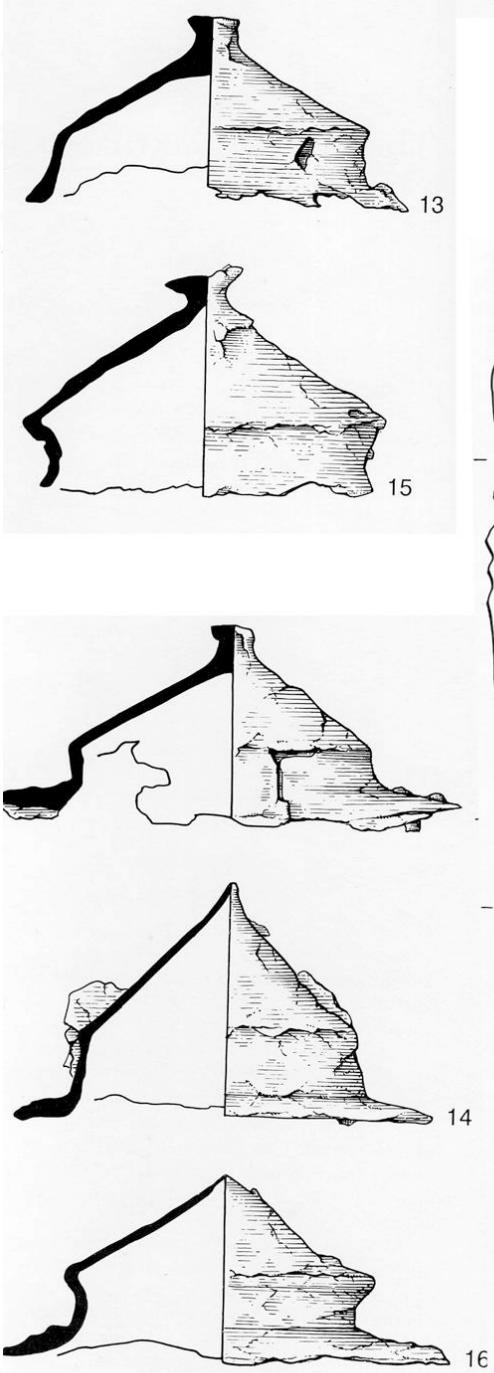


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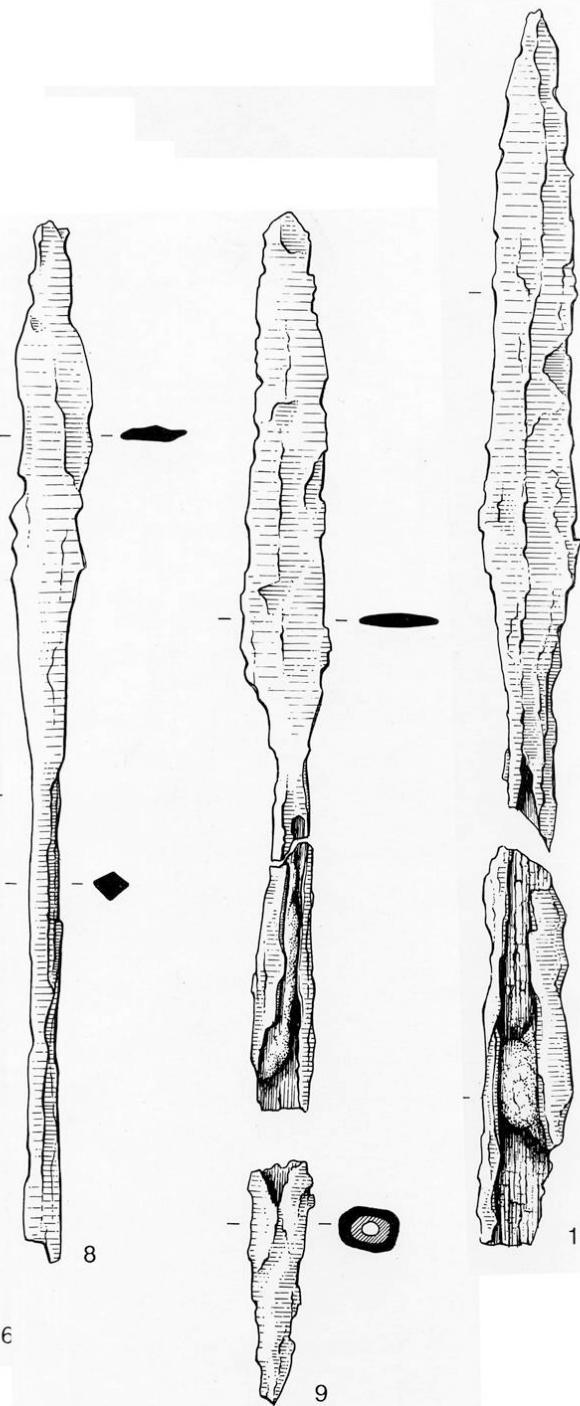
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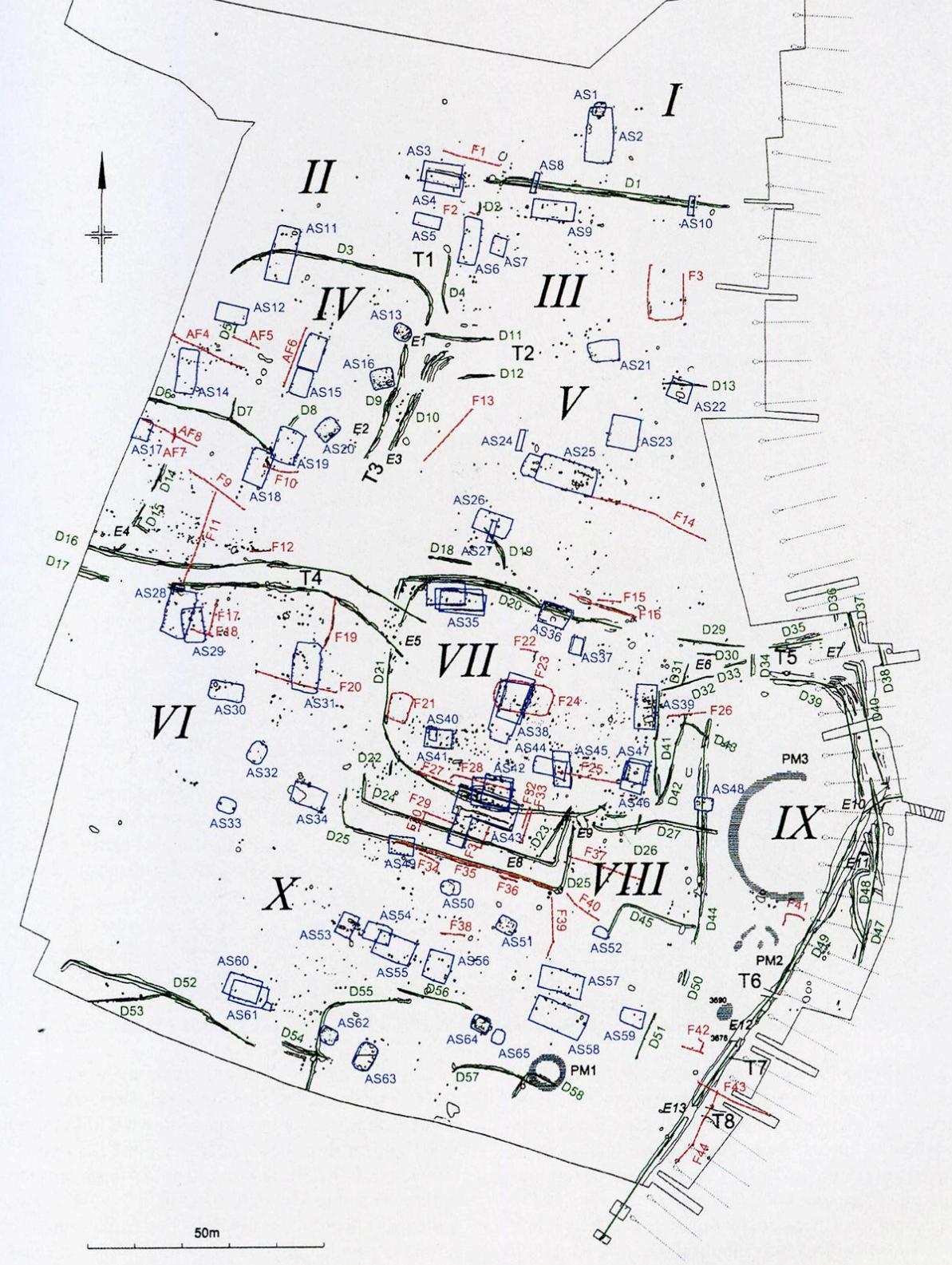
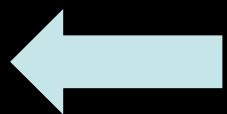


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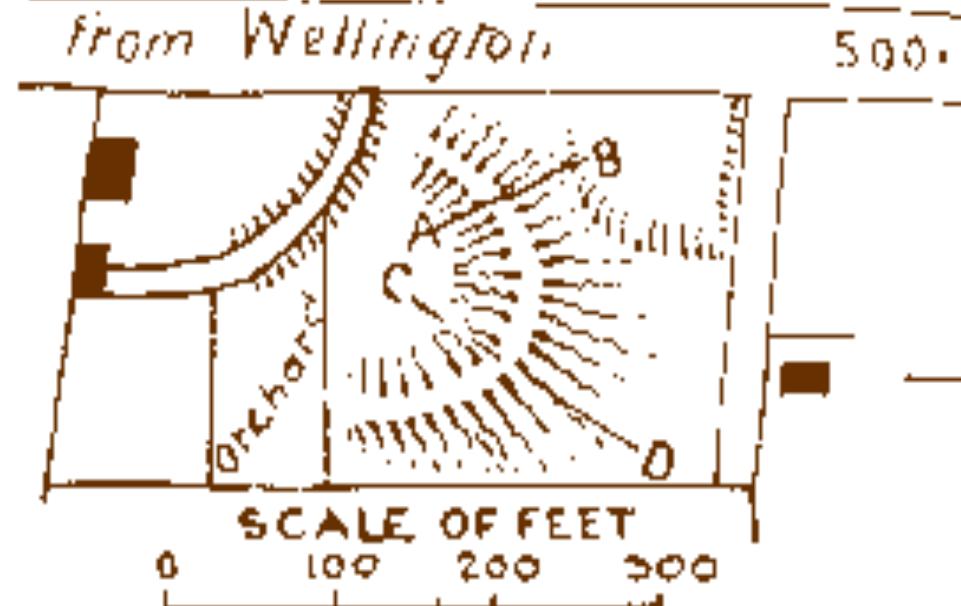


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King
New







Knaves Castle, Derbyshire



They let the ground keep that ancestral
treasure,
gold under gravel, gone to earth,
as useless to men now as it ever was.