

The Late- and Sub-Roman Cemetery at Queenford Farm, Dorchester-on-Thames, Oxon.

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APPENDIX I

An Inventory of the Inhumations excavated in 1972 and 1981

General Information

This Grave Inventory lists the archaeological details of each grave. The skeletal remains are tabulated in the following section, The Human Bones, by Mary Harman.

This grave inventory is divided into two parts. In the first part the graves excavated in 1972 are described in the order that they were excavated. The original context/grave numbers have been used. The second part of this inventory details the graves excavated in 1981. The numbering sequence adopted for the 1972 excavation has been extended to include the graves excavated in 1981. The original context number allocated to each grave during the 1981 excavation has been printed in brackets, ie (F11).

Each entry begins with a description of the grave pit giving first the shape then the width and length. Individual grave pit depths were not recorded for the 1972 excavation.

Each grave contained a single inhumation unless stated otherwise. Posture, sex and age are given in that order. The orientation of each extended body has been measured along the longitudinal axis of the grave, e.g. 270 deg. (magnetic) represents a west-east orientation with the head to the west and the feet to the east.

The state of preservation of the skeletal remains has been categorised as good, partial, slight or none. Where parts of a skeleton are missing this is in every case attributable to either natural decay or mechanical damage especially from topsoil stripping.

The state of preservation of the skeletal remains is followed by a detailed description of the skeleton.

The fill of each grave was a reddish-brown sandy, loamy clay identical to the surrounding subsoil over ying the gravel. There was no obvious evidence for either coffins, body packing or grave goods unless stated.

In 1972, the skeletons were clearly drawn at a scale of 1:100 and some were also photographed. Due to the difficulty of reproducing these drawings, sketch plans have been provided where appropriate.

An Inventory of Graves Recorded in 1972

The south-east corner of the cemetery enclosure at Queenford Farm (Queensford Mill) was excavated in 1972 and this opportunity has been taken to present the hitherto unpublished grave inventory. A summary of the 1972 excavation was published by B. Durham and T. Rowley in Oxoniensia, XXXVII (1972), 32-7. A summary of the skeletal remains including some pathology was published by Mary Harman in Oxoniensia, XLII (1978), 3-6. Some additional osteological information gained since 1978 has been incorporated in the present excavation report.

The following inventory of the archaeological details of each grave excavated in 1972 has been compiled from the original excavation records with assistance from Miss Sarah Green and Miss Judith Russen.

- Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 1.95 m; supine male adult, 30-40 y·s; 243 deg.; partial; skull turned to right shoulder, hands crossed over abdomen, legs straight and together.
- 2 Subrectangular; 0.8 m. x 2.2 m; supine adult; 279 deg.; partial; skull facing upwards, hands together over abdomen, legs straight and together, feet missing.
- Subrectangular; 0.55 m. x 1.25 m; supine child?; 296 deg.; slight; skull and shoulders missing, left arm by side, right arm bent onto pelvis, legs straight and together.

 Three iron nails, two with clenched ends suggest a coffin.

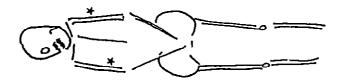
SKETCH PLAN:

Fig. 10

Subrectangular; 0.8 m. x 2.1 m; supine male adult; 298 deg.; slight; skull turned to right, hands together over abdomen, legs straight and parallel, feet missing.

Two flat-headed iron nails, suggest a coffin.

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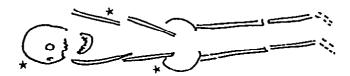
- 5 Subrectangular; 0.55 m. x 1.85 m; supine male adult, 45+ yrs; 292 deg.; partial; skull turned to the right, arms by sides, hands over femurs, left leg straight, right leg slightly bent at knee.
- Subrectangular; 0.65 m. x 2.1 m; supine male adult, 30-40 yrs; 278 deg.; partial; skull tilted slightly towards right shoulder, hands together over abdomen, legs straight, feet together.
- Subrectangular; 0.9 m. x 2.2 m; supine male adult, 20-25 yrs; 277 deg.; partial; skull turned towards left shoulder, hands over crutch, left leg straight, right leg slightly bent, feet together.
- Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 1.8 m; supine adolescent?; 297 deg.; slight; skull turned towards right, arms by sides, left hand over crutch, right hand over pelvis, left leg with knee bent inwards towards right leg which is straight.

- 9 Subrectangular; 0.8 m. x 2.05 m; supine female adult; 288 deg.; slight; skull smashed, arms by sides, legs straight and parallel.
- Subrectangular; 0.8 m. x 1.95 m; supine female adult, 40+ yrs; 292 deg.; slight; skull facing upwards with manuible dropped onto chest, arms straight with hands together over abdomen, legs straight and parallel. Body laid obliquely in grave pit, head to top right hand corner, feet in bottom left hand corner.

 Three iron nails suggest a coffin.

SKETCH PLAN:

Fig. 12



Subrectangular; 0.65 m. x 1.85 m; supine female adult, 40+ yrs; 313 deg.; slight; fragments of skull arms by sides with hands over crutch, legs straight and feet together.

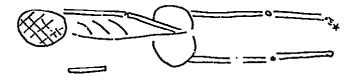
Romano-British tile fragment and pottery sherd presumably residual in

grave fill.

Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 2.0 m; supine male adult, 25-30 yrs; 274 deg.; slight; skull smashed, upper arms by sides, left hand over crutch, right lower arm decayed, legs straight and parallel.

One iron nail suggests a coffin.

SKETCH PLAN:



- Subrectangular; 0.45 m. x 1.55 m; supine child, c. 7 yrs; 298 deg.; slight; skull turned to left side, arms by sides, upper leg present, lower legs disturbed.
- Subrectangular; 0.8 m. x 2.20 m; supine female adult, 25-30 yrs; 277 deg.; partial; skull turned to left side, upper arms by sides, hands together over abdomen, legs straight and parallel.
- Subrectangular; 0.85 m. x 2.10 m; supine female adult, 40+ yrs; 271 deg.; skull crushed, arms straight, hands over hips, legs together.

Subrectangular; 0.85 m. x 2.05 m; supine adolescent c. 13-14 yrs; 280 deg.; slight; skull turned to left, right arm by side, left arm with hand over pelvis, legs straight and parallel.

Seven iron nails suggest a coffin.

SKETCH PLAN:



- Subrectangular; 0.8 m. x 2.2 m; supine adult male, 30-35 yrs; 292 deg.; partial; skull facing upwards with jaw resting on chest, upper arms by sides with hands together over abdomen.

 One iron nail, suggests a coffin, position not recorded.
- Subrectangular; 0.5 m. x 1.30 m; supine child c. 7 yrs; 278 deg.; slight; skull facing upwards, hands over hips, legs straight and parallel.
- 19 Subrectangular; 0.8 m. x 2.15 m; supine female adult; 285 deg.; partial; skull turned towards left shoulder, upper arms by sides, hands together over abdomen, legs straight and parallel.
- 20 Subrectangular; 0.9 m. x %.30 m; supine male adult, 40+ yrs; 293 deg.; slight; skull facing upwards, arms straight, hands over hips, legs straight and parallel.

- Subrectangular; 0.3 m. x 1.70 m; supine female adult, 30-40 yrs; 278 deg.; good; skull crushed, arms straight, hands over hips, legs straight and parallel.
- 22 Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 1.90 m; supine female adult, 30-35 yrs; 286 deg.; slight; skull and trunk destroyed, legs straight and parallel.

 One iron nail suggests a coffin, position not recorded.
- Subrectangular; 0.8 m. x 2.05 m; supine adult; 296 deg.; partial; skull turned towards left shoulder, upper arms by sides, hands together over crutch, legs straight and parallel.
- Subrectangular; 0.55 m. x 1.30 m; supine child, c. 7 yrs; 287 deg.; slight; mostly destroyed, legs straight and parallel.
- Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 1.70 m; supine adolescent c. 12 yrs; 294 deg.; skull turned towards left shoulder, upper arms beside body, hands together over abdomen, legs straight and parallel.

 A curved iron strip and a decorative iron plate (Fig.6, Nos.2 & 3).
- Subrectangular; 0.85 m. x 2.05 m; supine female adult, 40+ yrs; 289 deg.; partial; skull tilted slightly to right, upper arms by sides, hancs together over abdomen, legs straight and parallel.
- 27 ?
- 28 Subrectangular; W-E, not excavated.
- 29 Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 2.05 m; supine female adult, 40+ yrs; 291 deg.; partial; skull facing upwards, upper arms by sides, hands together over abdomen, legs straight and parallel.

 One iron nail suggests a coffin, position not recorded.
- 30 Subrectargular; 0.55 m. x 2.00 m; supine male adult, 40+ yrs; 317 deg.; partial; skull turned to left, upper arms by sides, hands together over abdomen, legs straight and parallel.

- 31 Subrectangular; 0.6 m. x 1.5 m; supine child, 5-6 yrs; 305 deg.; slight; skull crushed, arms by sides, hands over pelvis?, legs straight and parallel.
- 32 Subrectangular; 0.85 m. x 2.0 m; supine male adult, 35-40 yrs; 300 deg.; partial; skull facing upwards, arms straight and by sides, legs straight and feet together.
- Subrectangular; 0.8 m. x 2.00 m; supine adult, 40+ yrs; 304 deg.; partial; skull, shoulders and left arm destroyed, right hand over pelvis, legs together, left knee slightly towards right leg.

 Two iron nails suggest a coffin, positions not recorded.
- 34 Unstratified collection of bones from the surface.
- Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 2.10 m; supine female adult, 25-30 yrs; 293 deg.; partial; skull turned to left side, upper arms by sides, hands together over abdomen, legs straight, feet together.

 Thirteen iron nails and two possible nails suggest a coffin (not all shown).

SKETCH PLAN:



Subrectangular; 0.6 m. x 2.0 m; supine adolescent c. 12 yrs; 290 deg.; partial; skull crushed, arms by sides, legs straight and parallel.

Three iron nails suggest c. coffin.

SKETCH PLAN:



- 37 Subrectangular; 0.65 m. wide; supine female adult, under 30 yrs; 304 deg.; slight; skull crushed, left upper arm by side.
- 38 Subrectangular; 0.6 m. x 1.15 m; supine child, 2 yrs; 282 deg.; slight; skull turned towards left shoulder, arms by sides, legs straight and parallel.
- 39 Subrectangular; 0.8 m. x 2.20 m; supine female adult, 20-25 yrs; 296 deg.; partial; skull facing upwards, left hand over right pelvis, right forearm across stomach, legs straight and parallel.
- 40 Unstratified collection of bones from the surface.
- 41 ?
- 42 ?

- Subrectangular; 0.7 m. & 1.95 m; supine child, c. 10yrs; 299 deg.; slight; skull turned to right side, upper arms by sides, right hand over crutch, legs straight and parallel.
- Subrectangular; 0.50 m. x 1.65 m; supine; 288 deg.; slight; grave badly disturbed, left pelvis and legs remaining, legs straight and parallel.
- Subrectangular; 0.75 m. x 1.95 m; supine male adult, 40+ yrs; 298 deg.; partial; skull facing to right, hands together over abdomen, legs straight and parallel.
- Subrectangular; 0.75 m. x 1.95 m; prone? male adult, 40+ yrs; 296 deg.; slight upper arms by sides, legs straight and together.

 One iron nail suggests a coffin, position not recorded.
- Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 2.0 m; supine female adult, 40+ yrs; 293 deg.; partial; skull face upwards, upper arms by sides, hands over crutch, legs together, lower leg bones deformed.

 One iron nail suggests a coffin, position not recorded.
- 48 Subrectangular; 0.60 m. x 1.50 m; supine child, 9 yrs; 292 deg.; partial; skull face upwards, upper arms by sides, nands over crutch, legs straight and together.
- Subrectangular; 0.60 m. x 2.00 m; supine female adult, 30-35 yrs; 290 deg.; slight; skull and trunk decayed, left arm straight, hand over crutch, legs straight and parallel.

 Three iron nails suggest a coffin, positions not recorded.
- Subrectangular; 0.60 m. x 1.90 m; supine female adolescent, 17-20 yrs; 293 deg.; partial; skull disturbed, arms by sides, left hand over pelvis, legs straight and together.

 One iron nail suggests a coffin, position not recorded.
- 51 Child, 1.5 yrs. Excavation record lost.

- 52 Subrectangular; 0.55 m. x 1.40 m; supine child, 3 yrs; 283 deg.; slight; skull facing upwards, left arm straight, hand on pelvis, legs straight and parallel.
- 53 Subrectangular; 0.70 m. x 2.00 m; supine female adult, 25-30 yrs; 276 deg.; slight; upper arms by sides, hands together over crutch, legs straight and parallel.
- 54 Subrectangular; 0.75 m. x 2.05 m; supine adult; 294 deg.; slight; head, shoulders and feet missing, forearms crossed over abdomen, legs straight and parallel.
- Subrectangular; 0.95 m. x 2.25 m; supine male adult, 25-30 yrs; 301 deg.; partial; skull turned towards right shoulder, lower jaw dropped onto chest, hands together over crutch, legs straight and parallel. One iron nail suggests a coffin, position not recorded.
- Subrectangular; 0.70 m. x 1.80 m; supine female adu.t, 20-25 yrs; 300 deg.; partial; skull face upwards, lower arms crossed over abdomen, legs straight and parallel. Possibly residual bores from and carlier grave.
- 57 Subrectangular; 0.65 m. x 1.90 m; supine female ad. 1t, 20-25 yrs; 297 deg.; partial; skull face upwards, upper arms by sides hands on pelvic bones. Legs straight and parallel.

 Two iron nails suggest a coffin, positions not recorded.

Subrectangular; 0.60 m. x 2.00 m; supine adult, 40+ yrs; 286 deg.; slight; skull smashed, right forearm resting across abdomen, left upper arm by side, legs parallel and straight, some mechanical damage. Four iron nails and outline of coffin around feet.

SKETCH PLAN:

Fig. 17



59 Subrectangular; 0.80 m. x 2.10 m; supine female adult, 30-35 yrs; 285 deg.; partial; skull turned to left, arms straight, hands over pelvic bones, legs straight and parallel.

Two iron nails suggest a coffin, only one nail marked on plan.

SKETCH PLAN:



- Subrectangular; 0.60 m. x 1.70 m; supine adult; head to west; slight; skull face upwards, arms by sides, hands over hips, legs straight, leet missing.
- 61 ?
- 62 ?
- 63 Subrectangular; 0.50 m. x 1.90 m; supine female adult, 30-35 yrs; 262 deg.; partial with mechanical damage; skull lost, right arm by side, hand over pelvis, left upper arm by side, legs parallel but bent towards each other at the knees.

 Three iron nails suggest a coffin, positions not recorded.
- Subrectangular; 0.63 m. x 1.95 m; supine female adolescent, 17-20 yrs; 271 deg.; partial; skull face upwards, arms by sides, left hand over hip, legs straight and parallel.
- Subrectangular; 0.85 m. x 2.20 mm; supine male adult, 20-25 yrs; 282 deg.; partial; skull turned to left side, arms straight by sides, legs straight and parallel, feet turned outwards.
- Subrectangular; 0.65 m. x 2.20 m; supine male adult, over 30 yrs; 297 deg.; partial from mechanical damage; skull crushed, lower arms folded over stomach, legs straight and parallel.
- Subrectangular; 0.6 m. x 1.8 m; supine female adult, 40+ yrs; 288 deg.; partial; skull facing upwards, mandible displaced over right shoulder, arms straight and by sides, legs straight and parallel.
- Subrectangular; supine female adult; 286 deg.; heavy machine damage; part of pelvis and right leg straight, part of right lower arm and finger bones by pelvis.

 One iron nail, position not recorded.
- 69 Subrectangular; W-E, not excavated.

Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 1.9 m; supine female adult, 20-25 yrs; 271 deg.; partial from machine damage; skull cap fragment, ribs, left upper arm by side, lower legs straight and parallel.

Three iron nalls, positions not recorded.

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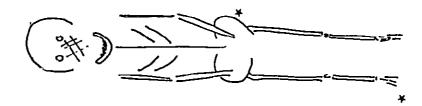
- 71 Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 2.0 m; male adult; 270 deg.; slight; no details recorded.
- Subroctangular; 0.6 m. x 1.8 m; supine, presumed adult; 297 deg.; slight, upper half removed by machine; skull face upwards, upper arms by sides, legs straight and parallel.

 1 iron nail found to the north side of the skull.
- 73 Subrectangular; female adult, 30-35 yrs; 276 deg.; partial. No further information.
- 74 Subrectangular; child 1.5-2 yrs; 279 deg.; slight. No further information.
- 75 Subrectangular; W-E orientation. Not excavated.
- 76 Subrectangular; 0.50 m. x 1.3 m; 292 deg.; no further information.
- 77 Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 1.75 m; 303 deg.; no further information.

Subrectangular; 0.65 m. x 1.9 m; supine female adult, 40+ yrs; 282 deg.; partial; skull facing upwards, arms by sides with hands resting on pelvis, legs straight and parallel.

Two iron nails.

SKETCH PLAN:



- 79 Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 2.0 m; supine presumed adult; 274 deg.; partial; skull turned to left side facing north, upper arms by sides, lower arms crossed over abdomen with hands on pelvis, legs straight and parallel.
- 80 Subrectangular; 0.45 m. x 1.1 m; 280 deg.; not excavated.
- 81 Subrectangular; 0.4 m. x 1.25 m; 273 deg.; not excavated.
- 82 Subrectangular; 0.6 m. x 1.75 m; 293 deg.; not excavated.
- 83 Subrectangular; W-E; not excavated.
- 84 Subrectangular; 0.75 m. x 1.9 m; 295 deg.; not excavated.
- 85 Subrectangular; 0.6 m. x 1.8 m; 293 deg.; not excavated.

- 86 Subrectangular; not excavated.
- 87 Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 2.05 m.; 273 deg.; not excavated.
- Subrectangular; 0.65 m. x 1.90 m; supine female adult, 20-25 yrs; 271 deg.; partial; skull on left side and bent to look at left shoulder, upper arms by sides, forearms crossed over abdomen with hands on pelvis, legs straight and parallel.

 Four iron nails and one metal plate pierced by a nail. Positions not recorded.
- 89 Subrectangular graves, W-E or E-W. Recorded on site plan only, not 105 excavated.
- Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 2.15 m; supine adult, 40+ yrs; 308 deg.; partial; skull turned to left side facing north, arms appeared to lie along centre line of body but records unclear, hands over abdomen, legs straight and parallel.

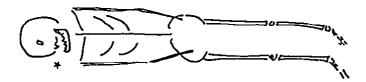
 One iron nail, position not recorded.
- 107 Subrectangular; supine child; 292 deg.; machine damaged, skull facing upwards, arms straight and by sides, legs straight and parallel.
- 108 Grave outlines planned; graves not excavated.

Subrectangular; 0.75 m. x 2.05 m; supine male adult, 40+ yrs; 283 deg partial; skull turned towards right shoulder facing south, upper arms by sides, hands on pelvis, legs straight and parallel.

Possible coffin nail by skull, marked on plan but not described.

SKETCH PLAN:

Fig. 20



151 Subrectangular; 0.65 m. x 1.7 m; supine female adult, 40+ yrs; 285 deg.; slight; skull turned to right facing south, arms by sides, legs straight and parallel.

One iron nail by left foot.

SKETCH PLAN:



- Subrectangular; 0.5 m. x 2.0 m; supine adult; 284 deg.; partial; skull turned onto right side facing south, arms straight, hands on pelvis, legs straight, ankles together, feet crossed.
- Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 2.25 m; supine male adult, 40+ yrs; 284 deg.; partial; skull turned onto left side facing north, arms straight and by sides, legs straight and parallel.
- Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 1.8 m; 283 deg.; not excavated. Five metal objects found on surface of grave (Fig. 6).
- Subrectangular; 0.75 m. x 2.2 m; supine female adult, 30-35 yrs; 303 deg.; partial; skull turned onto right side facing right shoulder, left arm by side, hand over pubic bone, right arm straight and by side, legs slightly bent inwards at knees but almost straight and parellel. One sherd of 3rd or 4th century Romano-British colour coat pottery in grave filling.
- 156 Subrectangular; 0.6 m. x 2.0 m; 281 deg.; skull showing; not excavated.

Subrectangular; 0.6 m. x 2.0 m; supine female adult 25+ yrs; 274 deg.; partial; skull 'back to front and upside down', upper arms by sides, hands crossed over abdomen, left leg bent across to right leg at the knee, right leg straight.

Single cross on plan suggests presence of an otherwise unrecorded nail by right knee.

SKETCH PLAN:

Fig. 22



158 - Subrectangular grave pits recorded on plan but not excavated.

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- 172 Shallow, machine damaged, presumed supine, female adult; 303 deg.; part of pelvis and legs only remained.
- 173 Subrectangular; 0.75 m. x 2.0 m; not excavated.
- 174 Subrectangular; 0.5 m. x 1.4 m; supine; 292 deg.; heavily machine damaged, skull and upper arms only remained.
- Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 1.8 m; supine male adult, 20-25 yrs; 329 deg.; partial; skull turned to right and tilted towards shoul er, arms by sides, hands on respective sides of pelvis, legs straight and parallel.

- Subrectangular; 0.15 m. x 1.65 m; supine female adult, 20-25 yrs; 290 deg.; machine damaged; skull cap and remains of left upper arm, a lower arm bone across stomach, legs straight and parallel.
- 177 Subrectangular; 0.9 m. x 2.05 m; supine presumed adult; 285 deg.; partial; skull turned onto left side tilted towards shoulder, upper arms by sides, hands together over pubic bone, legs straight and parallel.

Two iron nails by feet.

SKETCH PLAN:

Subrectangular; 0.65 m. x 1.80 m; supine adolescent 15-18 yrs; 267 deg.; partial; skull turned towards right shoulder, upper arms by sides, hands on pelvis, legs slightly bent inwards at knees but almost straight and parallel.

One presumed iron nail by right leg, marked on plan only.

SKETCH PLAN:

Fig. 24



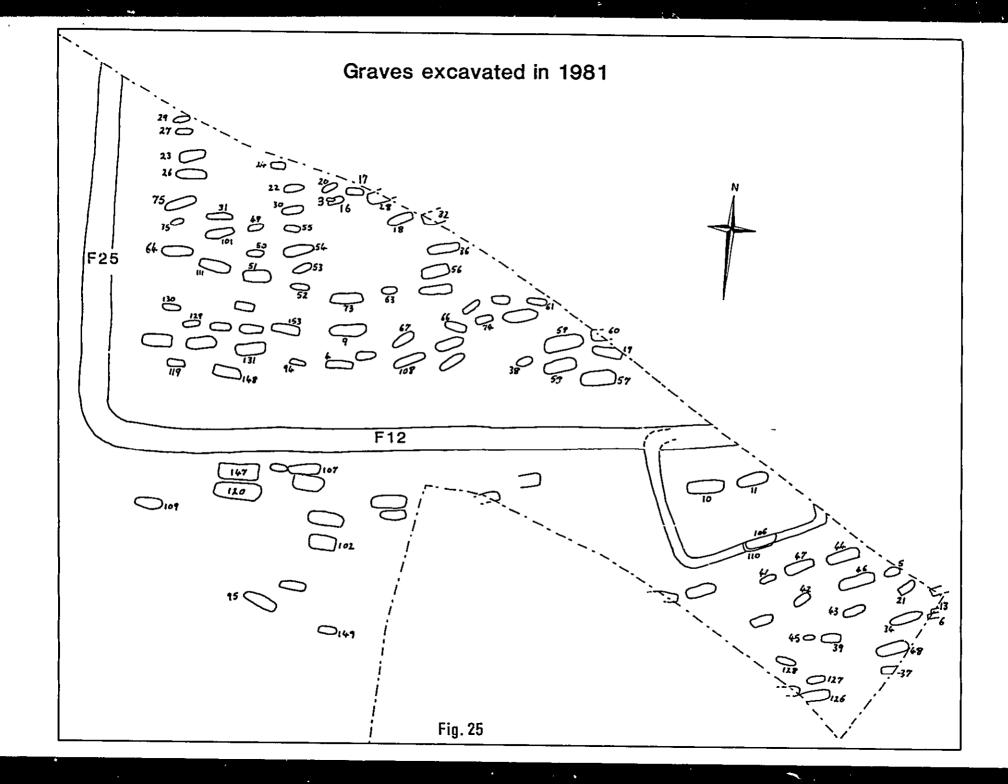
Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 2.0 m; supine adolescent 13-14 yrs; 280 deg.; partial; skull face upwards, arms straight and by sides, legs straight and parallel.

180 - Subrectangular grave pits recorded on plan only, not excavated.
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An Inventory of the Graves Excavated in 1981

Within this report the numbering sequence adopted for the graves excavated in 1972 has been extended to include the graves excavated in 1981. The original context number allocated to each grave in the 1981 site excavation records has been printed in brackets at the beginning of the description to facilitate the future use of the archive. The archive has been deposited with the Oxfordshire County Council Department of Museum Services under PRN 5416 and Collection Number 82,30.

Grave pit depths have been excluded from this section of the inventory as no trace of the contemporary ground surface remained. The depth of each grave pit recorded on site was from the undisturbed subsoil or the surface of the gravel or the present field surface. All three surfaces were variable with each other, variable in the horizontal plane and almost certainly with the contemporary Roman period ground surface.

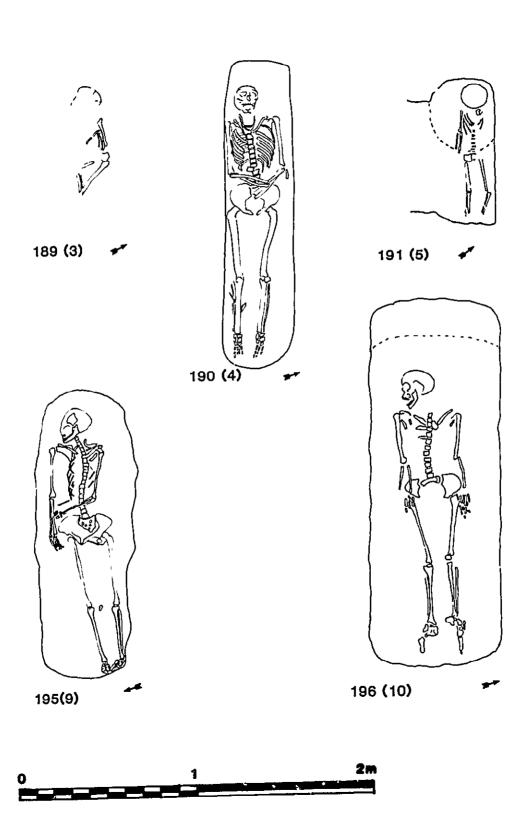


The Graves

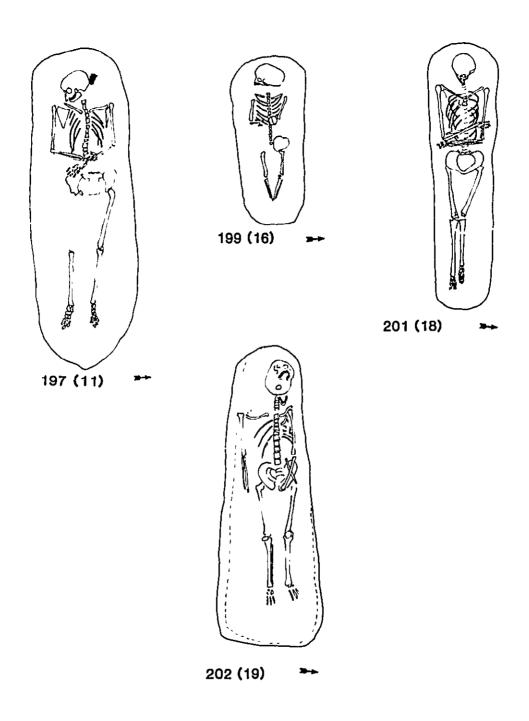
- (F3) Subrectangular; 0.5 m. x 1.0 m; grave lay immediately above the gravel; crouched child 3-4 yrs; approx. W-E; partial; body laid crouched on right side, skull crushed, facing S, trunk laid on right hand side, ribs remaining, upper left arm by side, pelvis twisted onto back through body decay, legs bent left above right.

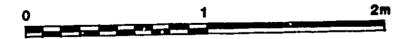
 Above and later than graves F203 and F199.
- 190 (F4) Subrectangular; 0.4 m. x 1.9 m; supine male adult 18-20 yrs; 290 deg.; good; skull facing upwards, upper arms by sides, lower right arm across stomach, lower left arm across pelvis, legs straight and parallel.

 Iron nail (1) and pot sherd (2) by left lower leg.
- 191 (F5) Subrectangular; 0.4 m. x 0.9 m; body laid on surface of the gravel; supine child c. 3 yrs; 303 deg.; partial; skull face upwards, jaw displaced to left side, arms straight and by sides, legs straight and parallel.
- 192 (F6) W-E; supine female adult, 25-30 yrs; skull turned onto left cheek facing N. This grave lay mainly beyond the edge of the excavation.
- 193 (F7) W-E; supine adult; this grave lay mainly beyond the edge of the excavation.
- 194 (F8) Lower jaw, 45+ yrs disturbed grave?
- 195 (F9) Subrectangular; 0.6 m. x 2.0 m; supine female adult 35-40 yrs; 106 deg.; partial; skull turned to right tilted towards shoulder, left forearm across stomach, right arm straight and by side, legs straight and parallel.
- 196 (F10) Subrectangular; 0.8 m. x 2.2 m; supine female adult 20-25 yrs; 280 deg.; partial; skull turned to right facing S, arms straight and by sides, legs straight and parallel.



- 197 (F11) Subrectangular; 0.6 m. x 1.9 m; supine female adult, 40+ yrs; 270 deg.; partial; head turned to right and tilted towards shoulder, upper arms by sides, lower arms across stomach, right hand on left forearm, left hand of right side of pelvis, legs straight and parallel. A composite bone comb lay at the back of the skull cap.
- 198 (F13) West end of a supine inhumation which lay beyond the limit of the excavation.
- (F16) Subrectangular; 0.44 m. x 1.05 m; deep; supine child c. 3 yrs; 266 deg.; partial; skull turned to right, upper arms by sides, lower arms folded across stomach, legs straight with left foot over right. Some disturbed bones suggested animal disturbance which was probably also responsible for pushing the lower jaw inside the skull.
- 200 (F17) Subrectangular; 0.45 m. x 0.94 m; young child, 1-2 yrs; 292 deg.; parts of skull and legs remaining.
- 201 (F18) Subrectangular; 0.42 m. x 1.66 m; supine male adult 15-20 yrs; 263 deg.; partial; skull facing forwards towards chest, upper arms by sides, lower arms folded across stomach, left hand over right arm, legs together.
 - The posture of the skull and the legs drawn together from the knees down suggests a body bound in a shroud or sack before burial. The posture of the head may represent a purposeful pillowing of the skull with replaced soil or the corpse cranmed head first into a short sack.
- (F19) Subrectangular; 0.65 m. x 1.88 m; supine female adolescent, 14-15 yrs; 264 deg.; partial; skull rolled backwards, lower jaw resting on sternum, arms straight and by sides, legs straight and parallel. The spine had become detached in one piece away from the base of the skull which had tilted backwards and the lower jaw forwards onto the chest. This suggests a loss of support and consequent movement induced through body decay inside a coffin. There was no other evidence for a coffin.



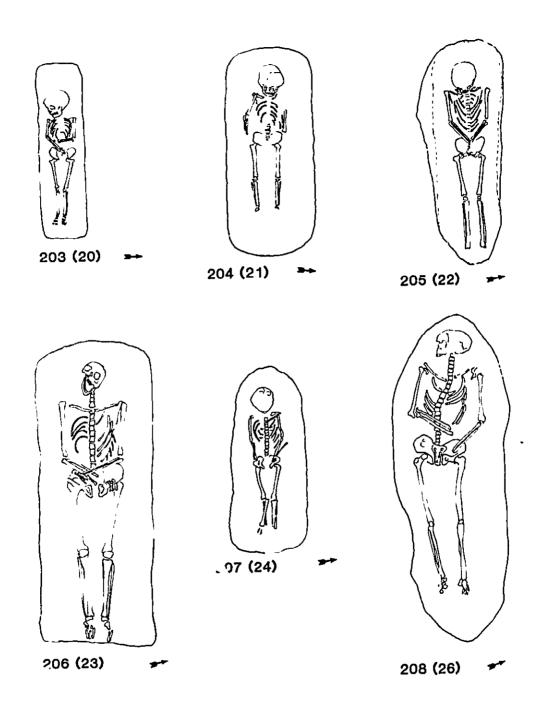


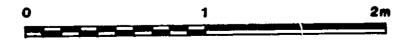
- 203 (F20) Subrectangular; 0.35 m. x 1.1 m; supine child, 2-4 yrs; 269 deg.; partial; skull turned to right and tilted towards shoulder, upper arms by sides, left hand over sacrum, right lower arm across stomach, legs together.
- 204 (F21) Subrectangular; 0.6 m. x 1.3 m; supine child, 5-6 yrs; 268 deg.; partial; skull tilted forwards, arms by sides, legs straight and parallel.

 For the skull to tilt forward after the grave had been backfilled the body would probably have required the protection of a coffin. The body posture does not suggest burial in a tightly bound shroud.
- 205 (F22) Subrectangular; C.5 m. x 1.4 m; supine adolescent, 10-11 yrs; 283 deg.; partial; skull facing forwards towards chest, hands together over sacrum, legs straight and parallel.

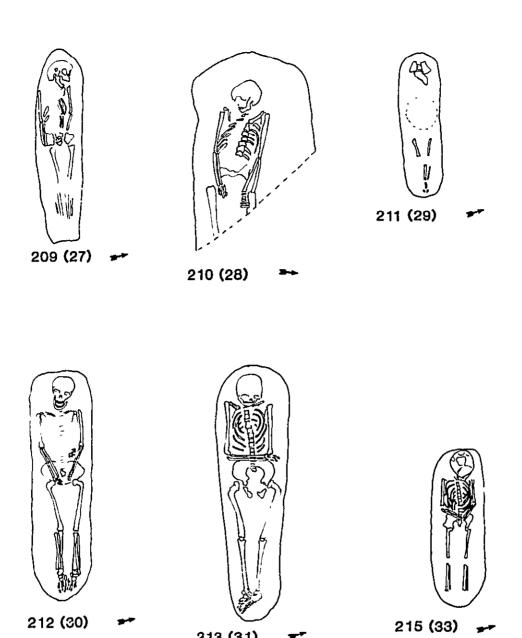
 This body posture does not provide evidence for either coffin or shroud.
- 206 (F23) Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 1.8 m; supine male adult 30-35 yrs; 290 deg.; partial; skull face upwards, upper arms by sides, lower arms crossed over abdomen, left over right, legs straight and parallel.
- 207 (F24) Subrectangular; 0.5 m. x 1.3 m; supine child, 4-5 yrs; 280 deg.; partial; skull crushed, arms by sides, legs straight and parallel.
- 208 (F26) Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 2.05 m; supine male adult, 40+ yrs; 287 deg.; partial; skull turned to right facing south, right forearm diagonally across stomach, left arm by side hand on pelvis, legs straight and parallel.

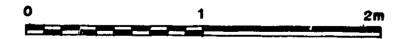
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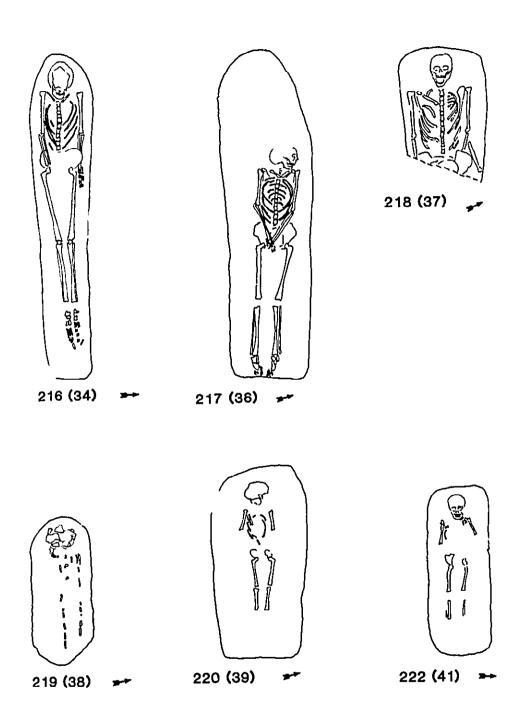
- 209 (F27) Subrectangular; 0.3 m. x 1.15 m; supine child, 7-8 yrs; 285 deg.; partial; skull turned to the right, arms by sides, legs straight and together. Body laid against south side of grave.
- 210 (F28) Subrectangular; 0.75 m. wide, supine male adult 45+ yrs; 263 deg.; good; skull turned to right, arms straight, hands over respective groins, upper legs straight and parallel, lower legs lay beyond the limit of excavation.
- 211 (F29) Subrectangular; 0.24 m. x 0.9 m; presumed supine child, 1-3 yrs; 285 deg.; partial; fragments of skull cap, legs straight and together, trunk lost to animal burrow.
- 212 (F30) Subrectangular; 0.4 m. x 1.4 m; supine adolescent 11-13 yrs; 278 deg.; partial; skull face upwards, hands over pubis, legs straight, feet together.
- 213 (F31) Subrectangular; 0.4 m. x 1.6 m; supine female adolescent 17-20 yrs; 286 deg.; good; skull tilted towards body, lower arms together over stomach, legs straight and feet together.
- 214 (F32) Subrectangular; 0.7 m. wide; supine child c. 7 yrs; 283 deg.; skull only, body lay beyond the limit of the excavation.
- 215 (F33) Subrectangular; 0.32 m. x 0.99 m; supine child, 5-6 yrs; 283 deg.; partial; skull tilted sharply forward onto left clavicle and clearly supported by the end of the grave pit, upper arms by side, hands together over left sciatic notch, legs straight and parallel.





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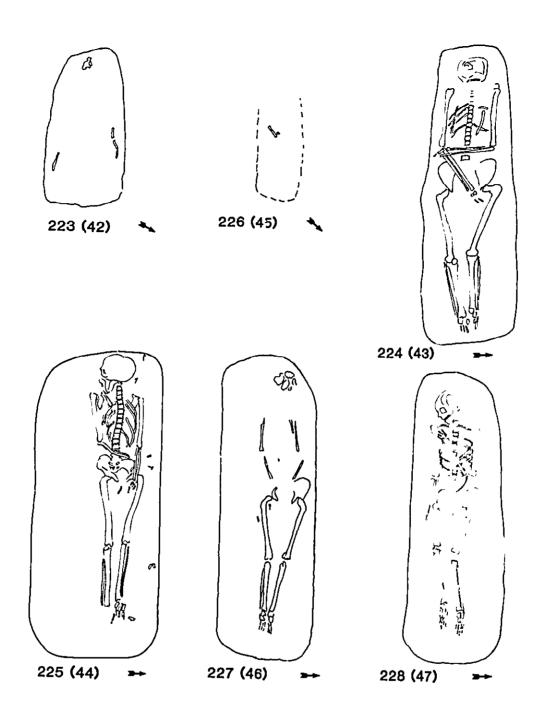
- 216 (F34) Subrectangular; 0.4 m. x 2.00 m; supine female adolescent/adult 17-20 yrs; 269 deg.; partial; skull facing upwards, arms straight, left hand beside thigh, right hand over hip-joint, legs straight, lower legs and feet together.
- 217 (F36) Subrectangular; 0.6 m. x 2.0 m; supine female adult 35-40 yrs; 279 deg.; partial; skull tilted slightly forwards, upper arms by sides, hands over pubis, legs straight and parallel.
- 218 (F37) Subrectangular; 0,6 m. wide; supine female adult; 289 deg.; partial; skull face upwards, arms by sides, pelvis and legs beyond the limit of excavation.
- 219 (F38) Subrectangular; 0.4 m. x 0.9? m; supine child,, 2-3 yrs; 280 deg.; slight; skull crushed, arms by sides, legs straight and parallel.
- 220 (F39) Subrectangular; 0.6 m. x 1.2 m; supine child, c. 4 yrs; 285 deg.; partial; skull crushed, upper arms by sides, legs straight and parallel.
- 221 (F40) An extended inhumation; W-E or E-W; immediately beneath the topsoil; seen only in section.
- 222 (F41) Subrectangular; 0.4 m. x 1.05 m; supine child, 2-2.5 yrs; 270 deg.; partial; skull face upwards, trunk decayed, legs straight and parallel.

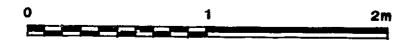




- 223 (F42) Subrectangular; 0.5 m. x 1.0 m; supine child, 0.5-2 yrs; 249 deg.; slight; fragments of skull and long bones only.
- 224 (F43) Grave pit not visible; supine 'emale adult, 20-25 yrs; 270 deg. partial; skull face upwards, right hand over right ilium, left forearm across stomach, legs straight and together.
- 225 (F44) Subrectangular; 0.8 m. x 1.9 m; supine male adult 20-25 yrs; 268 deg.; partial; skull tilted forwards, lower jaw displaced to right, left arm straight hand over left groin, right forearm diagonally across abdomen, hand over/under left forearm, legs straight and together. Six iron nails leaving traces of wood distributed along left side of body indicate a coffin.
- 226 (F45) Subrectangular; 0.3 m. x 0.7 m; supine infant of child, 0.5-2 yrs; 228 deg.; slight; long bone fragment.
- 227 (F46) Subrectangular; 0.6 m. x 1.9 m; supine male adult; 271 deg.; slight; skull decayed, arms slightly bent, hands over abdomen, legs straight, feet together.

 Two iron nails by right thigh indicate a coffin.
- 228 (F47) Subrectangular; 0.6 m. x 1.8 m; supine adolescent 11 yrs; 265 deg.; partial; skull.

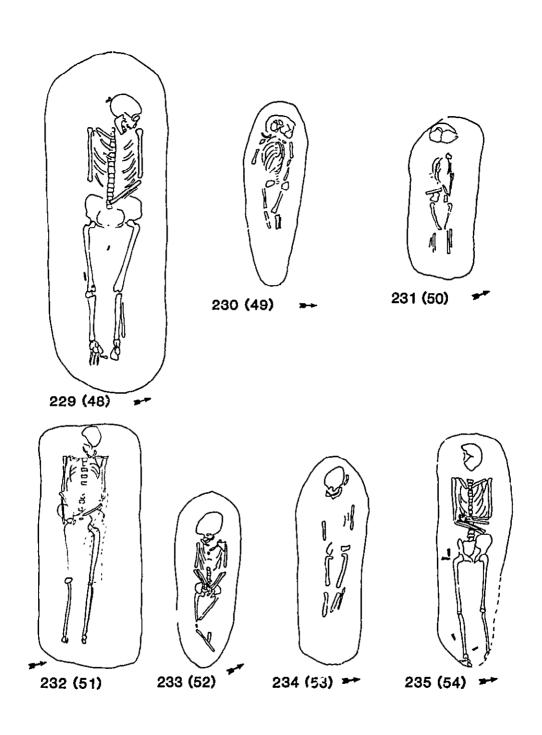




- 229 (F48) Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 2.1 m; supine male adult 30-35 yrs; 280 deg.; partial; skull turned to left, tilted towards shoulder, upper arms by sides, lower left hand over right ilium, legs straight, feet together.

 Four iron nails by skull and right leg with traces of wood indicate a
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- 230 (F49) Subrectangular; 0.4 m. x 1.15 m; supine child, 1.5 yrs; 269 deg.; slight; skull crushed, arms by sides, left hand over left ilium, legs together.
- 231 (F50) Subrectangular; 0.43 m. x 1.0 m; supine child, 2.5-3 yrs; 286 deg.; partial; skull cap and fragments of arms, pelvis and legs.

 One sherd Oxford colour-coated mid 3rd-4th century AD pottery found in fill, heavily abraded so presumably residual.
- 232 (F51) Subrectangular; 0.75 m. x 1.45 m; supine adolescent 13-15 yrs; 279 deg.; partial; skull collapsed, jaw on left clavicle, upper arms by sides, hands together over right groin, legs straight and parallel. Traces of wood over left pelvis and thigh indicate a coffin.
- 233 (F52) Subrectangular; 0.38 m. x 1.35 m; supine child, 5-7 yrs; 291 deg.; partial; skull collapsed, hands over sacrum, legs apparently disturbed by animals.
- 234 (F53) Subrectangular; 0.4 m. x 1.3 m; supine child, 6-8 yrs; 272 deg.; slight; fragmentary skull, upper arms by sides, legs straight and feet together (now decayed).
- 235 (F54) Subrectangular; 0.63 m. x 1.47 m; supine female adult 20-23 yrs; partial; skull fragmentary, upper arms by sides, lower arms across stomach, right hand on left hip, legs straight and parallel. Four iron nails by right hip and lower leg indicate a coffin.





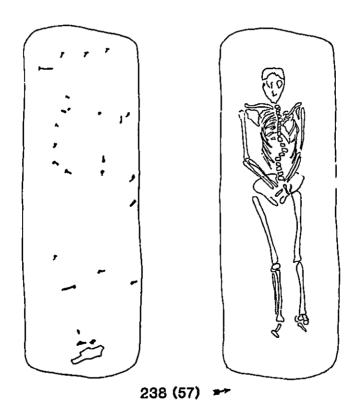
- 236 (F55) Subrectangular; 0.,5 m. x 1.1 m; supine child, 3-4 yrs; 285 deg.; slight; fragments of skull, upper arms by sides, legs straight and parallel.
- 237 (F56) An extended inhumation immediately beneath the topsoil, noticed during machine stripping.
- 238 (F57) Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 2.10 m; supine female adult 35-40 yrs; partial; skull crushed, upper arms by sides, hands over sacrum, legs straight and parallel.

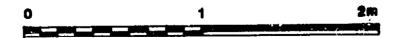
 Remains of 23 iron nails and one iron plate containing a further four

nails. Much of the iron work bore traces of wood from a coffin.







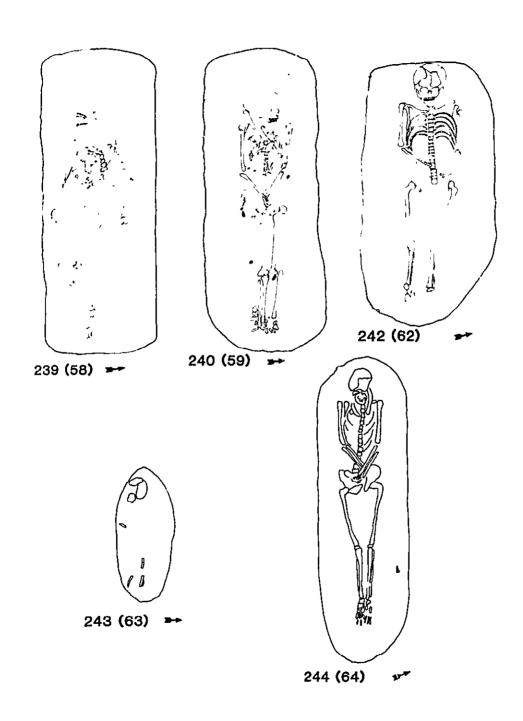


- 239 (F58) Subrectangular; 0.65 m. x 1.8 m; semi-supine male?; 280 deg.; partial; skull turned to right, right arm folded up, hand by clavicle, left forearm across stomach, legs bent up to right.
- 240 (F59) Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 1.9 m; supine, 15-20 yrs; 275 deg.; partial; skull turned to left, upper arms by sides, hands together over sacrum, legs straight and together.

 Three iron coffin nails by legs and right elbow.
- 241 (F60) Unexcavated subrectangular grave pit, skull showing at west end.

 Mainly beyond limit of excavation.
- 242 (F62) Subrectangular; 0.8 m. x 1.7 m; supine male 45+ yrs; 284 ...; partial; skull face upwards, upper arms by sides, left hand over sacrum, right hand in centre of abdomen, legs straight.
- 243 (F63) Oval; 0.35 m. x 0.95 m; infant 3-6 months; W-E; fragments of skull and leg bones.
- 244 (F64) Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 1.9 m; supine female adult 25-30 yrs; 295 deg.; partial; skull collapsed; upper arms by side, lower arms crossed left over right over abdomen, legs straight and together.

 One iron nail.

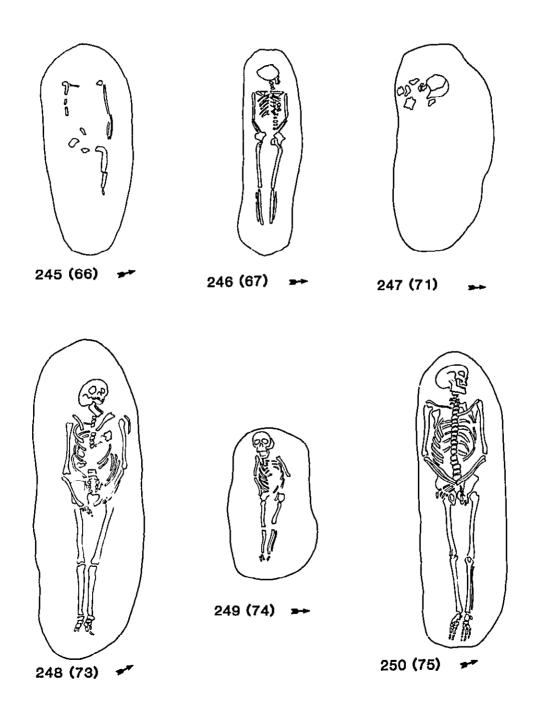




- 245 (F66) Subrectangular; 0.55 m. x 1.35 m; supine adolescent, 11-13 yrs; 108 deg.; slight; left arm and right upper arm by sides, left leg straight.
- 246 (F67) Subrectangular; 0.37 m. x 1.3 m; prone child, 9-10 yrs; 273 deg.; partial; skull fragmented, upper arms by sides, hands beneath respective ilium, legs straight.
- 247 (F71) Subrectangular; 0.6 m. x 1.3 m; child, 1.5 yrs; W-E; slight; fragments of skull and long bones.
- 248 (F73) Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 1.96 m; supine male adult 45+ yrs; 295 deg.; partial; skull facing upwards, arms by sides, hands over pubis, legs straight and together.

 One iron nail.
- 249 (F74) Subrectangular; 0.5 m. x 0.94 m; supine child, 3-4 yrs; 270 deg.; partial; skull face upwards, arms by sides, legs straight and together.

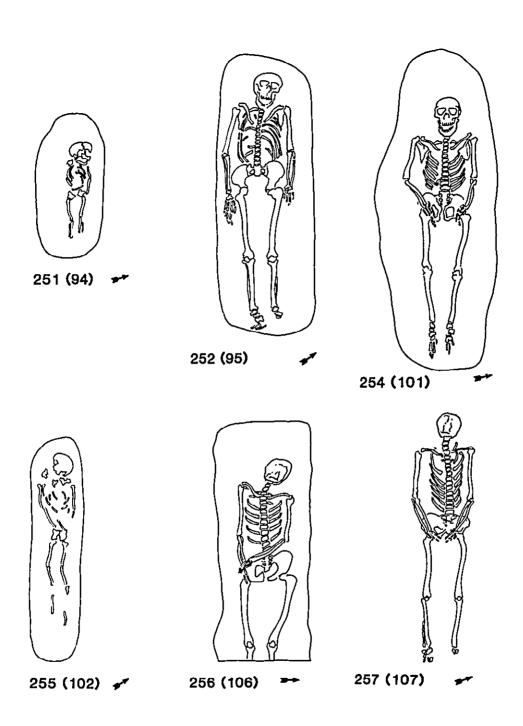
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- 250 (F75) Subrectangular; 0.55 m. x 1.8 m; supine male adult 40+ yrs; 285 deg.; partial; skull turned to left, upper arms by sides, wrists crossed right over left over sacrum, legs straight and together.





- 251 (F94) Subrectangular; 0.44 m. x 1.0 m; supine child, 1-1.5 yrs; 290 deg.; slight; skull turned to left facing N, left arm by side, right forearm across stomach, legs straight and together.
- 252 (F95) Subrectangular; 0.6 m. x 1.75 m; supine female adult 40-45 yrs; 310 deg.; partial; skull facing upwards, arms by sides, legs straight and parallel.
- 253 (F97) Subrectangular; 0.3 m. x 0.8 m; supine child, 1.5 yrs; 282 deg.; partial; skull turned to right facing south, arms by sides,, legs straight and parallel. No plan.
- 254 (F101) Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 2.1 m; supine male adult 30-35 yrs; 276 deg.; partial; skull facing upwards, hands over respective hip joints, legs straight and parallel.
- 255 (F102) Subrectangular; 0.5 m. x 1.4 m; supine child, 7-9 yrs; 291 deg.; slight; skull fragmented, upper arms by sides, hands apparently on respective ilium, legs straight and parallel.
- 256 (F106) Subrectangular; 0.6 m. wide; supine male adult 20-24 yrs; 270 deg.; partial; skull machine damaged, right arm straight, hand on hip joint, left hand over right wrist, legs straight and together, lower legs beyond limit of excavation.
- 257 (F107) Subrectangular; 0.8 m. x 1.92 m; supine male adult 35-40 yrs; 285 deg.; partial; skull damaged, arms by sides, hands over respective hip joints, legs straight and parallel.

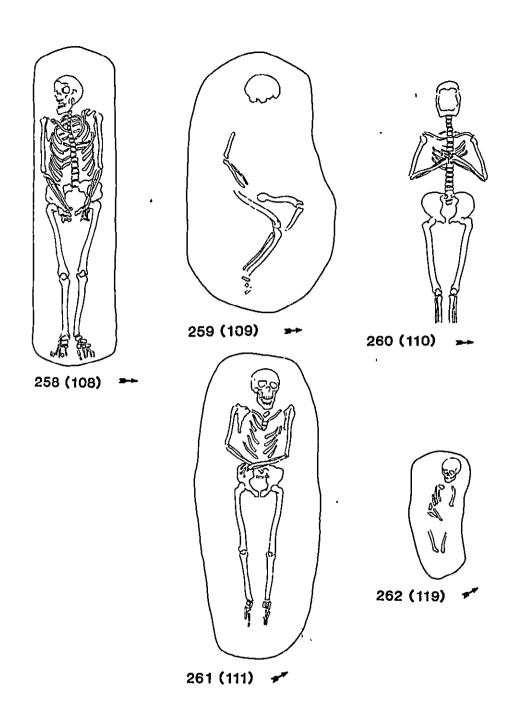
 Six iron nails.





- 258 (F108) Subrectangular; 0.5 m. x 2.0 m; supine male adolescent/adult; 273 deg.; partial; skull tilted to right, upper arms by sides, hands over pubis, legs straight and together.
- 259 (F109) Supine female? adult 30+ yrs; W-E; partial, skull tilted forwards, right arm by side, legs bent up to left. Groove cut prehistoric ditch and no pit outline visible.
- 260 (F110) Grave edges not visible; supine male adult 45+ yrs; 270 deg.; partial; skull damaged, hands crossed over sternum, legs straight and together, feet lay beyond limit of excavation.
- 261 (F111) Subrectangular; 0.85 m. x 1.92 m; supine male adult 35-40 yrs; 292 deg.; partial; skull face upwards, upper arms by sides, right hand over left ilium, left wrist over right forearm, hand over right ilium.
- 262 (F119) Subrectangular; 0.35 m. x 0.8 m; supine child, 3-4 yrs; 299 deg.; slight; skull face upwards, fragmentary long bones.

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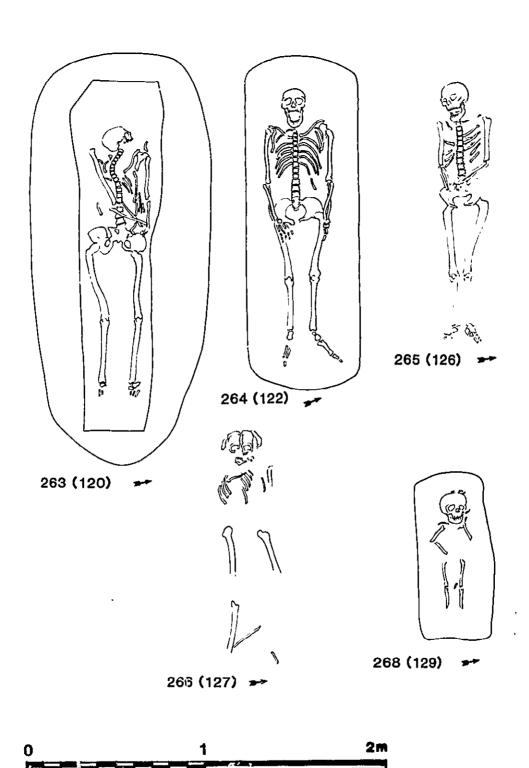
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263 (F120) Subrectangular; 1.1 m. π 2.6 m; supine male adult 45+ yrs; 250 deg.; partial; skull tilted to left and decayed, right arm by side, left arm diagonally across trunk, right hand over left wrist, legs straight and parallel.

The body lay within an apparently wooden container packed round with gravel. The filling of the container contained considerably more soil. The outline of the container was clear. There were no iron nails. This appears to have been a hidden cist which may have been constructed of loose boards held in a coffin shape through the gravel packing. The container filling and the grave fill above the level of the container included considerably more soil than the gravel packing around the container. Linked with the clear unbroken outline, the evidence suggests there was no lid for this coffin or cist.

- 264 (F122) Subrectangular; 0.67 m. x 2.1 m; supine male adult 45+ yrs; 291 deg.; partial; skull face upwards, arms by sides, hands over thigh bones, legs straight and parallel.
- 265 (F126) Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 2.1 m; supine male adult 17-20 yrs; 273 deg.; partial; skull tilted slightly to left, right arm straight, hand on right ilium, left upper arm by side, hand over sacrum, legs straight and parallel.

 Two iron nails by left foot.
- 266 (F127) Subrectangular; 0.4 m. x 1.1 m; supine child, 1.5 yrs; 277 deg.; skull crushed, 1 egs straight and parellel.
- 267 (F128) Subrectangular; 0.4 m. x 1.0 m; supine child, 2.5-3 yrs; 302 deg.; skull damaged, face upwards, trunk decayed, legs straight and together. No plan.
- 268 (F129) Rectangular; 0.6 m. x 1.15 m; supine child, 2-3 yrs; 278 deg.; slight; skull face upwards and crushed, trunk decayed, legs straight.



- 269 (F130) Subrectangular; 0.5 m. x 1.1 m; supine child, 4 yrs; 298 deg.; partial; skull face upwards, arms by sides, legs straight and together.
- 270 (F131) Rectangular; 0.8 m. x 1.79 m; supine female adult, 40+ yrs; partial; skull turned to left, upper arms by sides, lower arms crossed over stomach, legs straight and feet together.
- 271 (F147) Subrectangular; W-E adult inhumation; skull stolen, remainder not excavated. No plan.
- 272 (F148) Subrectangular; 0.5 m. x 1.2 m; supine W-E female? adult inhumation; destroyed by vandals. No plan.
- 273 (F149) Grave pit unclear; supine child, 2-4 yrs; 310 deg.; slight; skull face upwards, arms by side, right hand on thigh, knees bent slightly to left side. No plan.
- 274 (F152) Subrectangular; 0.7 m. x 1.85 m; supine male adult 45+ yrs; 290 deg.; partial; skull turned to left, hands together over sternum, left leg straight, right leg bent with foot beneath left ankle.
- 275 (F153) Subrectangular; 0.6 m. x 1.7 m; supine female adult 30-35 yrs; partial; skull tilted slightly forwards, upper arms by sides, hands right over left over abdomen, legs straight and together.

