

BELFAST RADIOCARBON DATES IV

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INTRODUCTION

The dating equipment and operating conditions remain essentially as previously described. All samples in this list have been counted at a filling pressure equivalent to 152 cm Hg at 20°C. The proportional counter has recently been re-wired, resulting in a lowering of the operating voltage. Electron-microscopic examination of the old counter wire showed considerable thickening due to the accumulation of fine dust particles. A filter is being installed in the filling line to minimize this effect. Pretreatments are as given in previous date lists unless otherwise stated.

The carbon isotope ratios reported in this list were determined on a Vacuum Generators Micromass 6 unit at the Vacuum Generators Ltd. factory. The instrument has now been installed in the Palaeoecology Laboratory. The δC^{13} for our current oxalic acid standard is -1.989% relative to P.D.B. Mass spectrometric results have been corrected to -1.9% for oxalic acid.

Samples in this list are from Ireland unless otherwise specified.

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I. ARCHAEOLOGIC SAMPLES

Craig na Caillich series, Perthshire, Scotland

Peat from above and below stone-axe-working floor in blanket bog at Craig na Caillich, 3.2 km N of Killin, Perthshire, Scotland ($56^{\circ} 30' N$ Lat, $4^{\circ} 20' W$ Long; Grid Ref. NN/561368). Coll. and subm. 1969 by E. W. MacKie, Hunterian Mus., Glasgow. (Ritchie, 1968). Acid pretreatment.

	4460 \pm 90
UB-371. Craig na Caillich, CC/2	2510 B.C.
1.5 cm peat, 30 cm above base, underlying axe-making floor.	

UB-372. Craig na Caillich, CC/3 **4200 ± 90**
2250 B.C.

1.5 cm peat, 35 cm above base, overlying axe-making floor.

General Comment (E.W.McK.): thin layer of factory debris in peat suggests this part of site was used as working floor for only a short period; the 2 measurements should date this period precisely. They compare well with date 2590 ± 130 B.C. (Q-430) for axe from Craig Llwyd factory from peat at Shapwick Heath, Somerset (Godwin, 1960a; R., 1960, v. 2, p. 62). Date 1144 ± 90 B.C. (Q-387: R., 1961, v. 3, p. 73) for quarry pits at Mynydd Rhiw factory, Caernarvonshire, refers to layer formed after end of factory activity (Houlder, 1961, pp. 121-2, 141). Date 2730 ± 135 B.C. (BM-281) was for charcoal assoc. with Langdale axe factory (R., 1969, v. 11, p. 288).

Dundrum Nature Reserve series, Co. Down

Samples from soil horizons, some with archaeological material, in sand dunes in Dundrum Nature Reserve, 3.2 km NE of Newcastle, Co. Down ($54^{\circ} 13' 30''$ N Lat, $5^{\circ} 52' 30''$ W Long) alt. ca. 15 to 23 m O.D. Subm. by N. Stephens, Dept. Geog., Queen's Univ., Belfast.

UB-412. Dundrum hearth, Site 12, Sample 2 **4775 ± 140**
2825 B.C.

Charcoal from pebble-floored hearth; Irish Grid Ref. J 405345. Coll. 1968 by A. E. P. Collins, Archaeol. Survey of N. Ireland.

UB-413. Dundrum hearth, Site 12, Sample 1 **4565 ± 135**
2615 B.C.

Charcoal from same pebble-floored hearth as UB-412 above. Coll. 1967 by R. C. Davidson, Inch, Downpatrick.

UB-352. Dundrum, Slideryford Hollow **3635 ± 80**
1685 B.C.

Charcoal from fossil soil horizon exposed in side of blow-out; Irish Grid Ref. J 398341. Coll. 1969 by N. Stephens.

UB-461. Dundrum, The Cut **Modern**

Charcoal from fossil soil horizon exposed in erosion gully; Irish Grid Ref. J 400340. Coll. 1970 by I. Shepherd, Dept. Geog., Queen's Univ., Belfast. *Comment*: presumably contaminated by modern charcoal. Soil horizon expected to be prehistoric by comparison with UB-352.

General Comment: hearth assoc. with old land surface producing plain carinated Western Neolithic bowls and worked flints (Collins, 1952; 1959). Dublin date 2860 ± 140 (D-51: R., 1961, v. 3, p. 34) for charcoal from occupation horizon, Grid Ref. J 409388, comparable with UB-412 and 413, was inexplicably too young.

UB-414 E. Scrabo hut circle, Co. Down **2305 ± 70**
355 B.C.

Charcoal from wall slot of round hut on Scrabo hill, 2.4 km W of Newtownards, Co. Down ($54^{\circ} 34' 30''$ N Lat, $5^{\circ} 43' 30''$ W Long; Irish

Grid Ref. J 477727) alt. ca. 150 m O.D. Coll. 1969 by A. G. Smith. Site excavated by Margaret Owens for Ards Historical Soc. Permanganate pretreatment.

UB-414 A. (Un-pretreated) 1925 ± 100

Comment: archaeologic evidence suggests site was occupied at transition between Bronze and Iron ages. Comparable dates from Navan, Co. Armagh (R., 1970, v. 12, p. 287-288) and Lough Gara, Co. Sligo (R., 1961, v. 3, p. 34-35). Un-pretreated sample demonstrates large error that can be due to contamination in superficial soil samples.

UB-205. Mad Man's Window, Co. Antrim 5095 ± 120
3145 B.C.

Charcoal from Neolithic hearth at Mad Man's Window, 1.6 km E of Glenarm, Co. Antrim (54° 57' 30" N Lat, 5° 55' W Long; Irish Grid Ref. D 330150) alt. 11 m O.D. Sample from Neolithic hearth on top of large flat boulder, with Western Neolithic pottery and flints, and 2 crude rough-outs of flint axes. Coll. 1968 by M. G. L. Baillie and P. C. Woodman, Ulster Mus., Belfast. Pretreatment by nitration. *Comment:* hearth and artifacts are early Neolithic; date is comparable with other early Neolithic dates from N Ireland (see R., 1971, v. 13, p. 107). Hearth was in buried soil on possible wave-cut platform.

Newgrange series, Co. Meath

Samples from Neolithic passage grave site at Newgrange, 3.2 km E of Slane, Co. Meath (53° 41' N Lat, 6° 29' W Long; Irish Grid Ref. O 006728). Coll. 1969 by P. Q. Dresser. (O'Kelly, 1969).

UB-360. Newgrange sod layer, 1 1650 ± 45
A.D. 300

Humic acid from upper sod layer within mound, 60 to 90 cm above old ground surface.

UB-361. Newgrange sod layer, 2 4535 ± 105
2585 B.C.

Humic acid from basal sod layer, 5 to 20 cm above old ground surface.

General Comment (P.Q.D.): loose stone structure of mound was probably ineffectual in preventing penetration by younger materials. Upper sample (UB-360) may thus be too young but lower (UB-361) agrees with GRN-5462 and GRN-5463 (4500 ± 45 and 4415 ± 40, respectively) from construction material in roof of chamber of cairn (O'Kelly, 1969).

Knowth series, Co. Meath

Samples from Neolithic passage grave site at Knowth, 3.2 km E of Slane, Co. Meath (53° 41' N Lat, 6° 30' W Long; Irish Grid Ref. N 996734). Coll. 1967-1969 by G. Eogan and P. Q. Dresser. (Eogan, 1968).

UB-299. Knowth, 1 1200 ± 70
A.D. 750

Charcoal from secondary occupation on summit of mound (Site 1),

along E edge. *Comment*: date suggests secondary occupation was in Early Christian times.

UB-318. Knowth, 2

4875 ± 150
2925 B.C.

Charcoal from scatter in soil beneath mound of small passage grave to E of main mound, Area 4, Sq. 43. Sample not necessarily contemporary with mound construction.

UB-319. Knowth, 3

4795 ± 185
2845 B.C.

Charcoal from similar location to UB-318.

UB-357. Knowth, 4 and 5, charcoal

4745 ± 165
2795 B.C.

Combined charcoal from Samples 4 and 5 from basal redeposited sod-like layer of mound of main passage grave; Sample 4, coll. 1969 by P. Q. Dresser from cutting 29/30, W face; Sample 5, coll. 1967 by G. Eogan, from Cutting 36.

UB-358. Knowth, 5

6835 ± 110
4885 B.C.

Humic acid from basal redeposited sod-like layer of mound of main passage grave, Cutting 36.

General Comment (P.Q.D.): UB-318, -319, and -357 are maximum only for building of megaliths. UB-358 indicates long persistence of humus in soil.

Gortcorbies archaeologic series, Co. Londonderry

Samples from Neolithic and Bronze age sites at Gortcorbies, 6.4 km NE of Limavady, Co. Londonderry (54° 59' 30" N Lat, 6° 50' W Long; Irish Grid Ref. C 743259) alt. 273 m O.D. Sites close to valley bog from which Gortcorbies core series derive (this list). Coll. 1970 by A. G. Smith and I. C. Goddard. (May, 1938; 1950). Pretreatments by P. Q. Dresser.

UB-434 E. Gortcorbies, 1

2080 ± 95
130 B.C.

Charcoal from upper black layer between 2 stone mounds over Neolithic hearths.

UB-434 C. (humic acid) 1310 ± 75

UB-435 E. Gortcorbies, 2

1970 ± 95
20 B.C.

Charcoal from basal black layer between 2 stone mounds over Neolithic hearths.

UB-435 C. (humic acid) 1945 ± 85

UB-436. Gortcorbies, 3

1475 ± 70
A.D. 475

Charcoal (including *Quercus*) id. by A. G. Smith, from clay below, and surrounding, large stone just outside Bronze age stone circle.

General Comment: samples do not refer to Neolithic and Bronze age occupations and indicate Iron age occupation at sites. "Errant" sherd of Iron-age pottery was found at stone circle site by May (1938).

II. PALAEOECOLOGIC SAMPLES

Sluggan bog monolith series, Co. Antrim

Series from organic deposits from which pollen diagram was prepared from Sluggan bog, Ballylurgan Td., 2.4 km NE of Randalstown, Co. Antrim (54° 46' N Lat, 6° 18' W Long; Irish Grid Ref. J 009921) alt. 52 m O.D. Samples from 16-cm-sq. sec.; monolith adjacent to large samples used for geochemical research and dated as Sluggan series (this list). Coll. 1968 by A. G. Smith and I. C. Goddard.

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| | 1635 ± 75 |
| UB-437. Sluggan monolith, 68 to 70 cm | A.D. 315 |
| <i>Sphagnum</i> peat. Final decline of elm pollen. Pollen Zone Boundary VIII/IX (Mitchell, 1956). Acid pretreatment. | |
| | 2930 ± 85 |
| UB-438. Sluggan monolith, 124 to 126 cm | 980 B.C. |
| <i>Sphagnum</i> peat. Marked minimum in tree pollen curve. <i>Comment</i> (I.C.G.): similar vegetational changes seen at this date in pollen diagram from Gortcorbies (UB-386, this list). Acid pretreatment. | |
| | 3945 ± 85 |
| UB-439. Sluggan monolith, 164 to 166 cm | 1995 B.C. |
| <i>Sphagnum</i> peat. Decline of pine pollen at Pollen Zone Boundary VII/VIII of Jessen (1949). At decline of tree-pollen curve and elm curve minimum; marked increase of heaths and peak of plantain curve suggestive of forest clearance. Acid pretreatment. | |
| | 4180 ± 90 |
| UB-440. Sluggan monolith, 184 to 186 cm | 2230 B.C. |
| <i>Sphagnum</i> peat. Second decline of elm pollen. Acid pretreatment. | |
| | 4965 ± 75 |
| UB-441. Sluggan monolith, 238 to 240 cm | 3015 B.C. |
| <i>Sphagnum</i> peat. At marked decline of elm and pine pollen and at level of 1st plantain pollen. Acid pretreatment. | |
| | 8540 ± 120 |
| UB-442. Sluggan monolith, 406 to 408 cm | 6590 B.C. |
| Particulate fraction of reedswamp peat with wood. Beginning of oak and elm curves at Pollen Zone Boundary V/VI. | |
| | 9360 ± 150 |
| UB-443. Sluggan monolith, 426 to 428 cm | 7410 B.C. |
| Particulate fraction of reedswamp peat with some wood. Marked rise of hazel curve and fall of birch curve marking Pollen Zone Boundary IV/V. | |

- 9610 ± 130**
- UB-444. Sluggan monolith, 460 to 462 cm** **7660 B.C.**
 Particulate fraction of reedy detritus mud. Early postglacial rise of juniper pollen. Pollen Zone Boundary III/III-IV.
- 9010 ± 115**
- UB-445. Sluggan monolith, 468 to 470 cm** **7060 B.C.**
 Particulate fraction of fine detritus mud. Immediately above stratigraphic change from clay to organic mud. Towards end of Zone III as defined pollen analytically but base of Zone IV on lithostratigraphic grounds (*cf.* Jessen, 1949). *Comment:* by comparison with UB-444 and UB-225 F and UB-443 higher in profile, which show a consistent trend, date is too young (see comment on fractionated samples, Geochemical Samples, this list).
- 10,995 ± 160**
- UB-446. Sluggan monolith, 498 to 500 cm** **9045 B.C.**
 Particulate fraction of fine detritus mud with some moss and reeds. Fall of birch pollen from ca. 5% to ca. 2% of total in middle of Pollen Zone II.
- 11,635 ± 160**
- UB-447. Sluggan monolith, 508 to 510 cm** **9685 B.C.**
 Particulate fraction of fine detritus mud with some moss and reeds. Immediately above a major peak of birch pollen in lower part of Pollen Zone II.
- 11,040 ± 140**
- UB-448. Sluggan monolith, 514 to 516 cm** **9090 B.C.**
 Particulate fraction of fine detritus mud with some moss and reeds. Below major peak of birch pollen. Just above lower boundary of Pollen Zone II defined pollen analytically.
General Comment: complete series including samples under Geochemical Samples (R., 1970, v. 12, p. 296-297; R., 1971, v. 13, p. 124; and this list) is in sequence as follows: UB-210 A, -211 A, 437, -438-440, -219 A, -441, -220 A, -221 A, -223 D, -442, -443, -225 F, -444, -445, -227 F, -446-448, -229 F. Palynologic and other details not given previously for geochemical samples are:
 UB-210 A, 42 to 47 cm, A.D. 965 ± 45 and UB-211 A, 47 to 52 cm, A.D. 725 ± 65. At minimum of tree pollen curve and peak of plantain pollen.
 UB-219 A, 230 to 235 cm, 2700 ± 75 B.C. At minimum of elm and pine curves and maximum of plantain curve, immediately above Pollen Zone Boundary VII/VIII (*sensu* Mitchell, 1956) and VIIa/VIIb (*sensu* Jessen, 1949).
 UB-220 A, 270 to 275 cm, 3340 ± 65 B.C. In middle of Zone VII (*sensu* Jessen, 1949).
 UB-221 A, 295 to 300 cm, 4810 ± 90 B.C. Immediately above rise of alder curve marking Boreal-Atlantic transition, Pollen Zone Boundary VI/VII. Sample includes single grain of plantain pollen.

UB-223 D, 365 to 370 cm, 6410 ± 60 B.C. Just above Pollen Zone Boundary VIa/VIb.

UB-225 F, 445 to 450 cm, 7525 ± 145 B.C. At rise of birch and fall of juniper curves at Pollen Zone Boundary III-IV/IV (*cf.* zonation at Cannon's Lough; Smith, 1961).

UB-227 F, 482 to 487 cm, 8995 ± 145 B.C. Broadly covers Pollen Zone Boundary II/III at top of Allerød deposit and immediately below clay of Younger *Salix herbacea* period (*cf.* Jessen, 1949).

UB-229 F, 515 to 520 cm, $10,520 \pm 125$ B.C. Base of Allerød deposit: broadly covers Pollen Zone Boundary I/II.

General Comment on samples relevant to dating of Late-Weichselian and early Flandrian pollen zone boundaries (A.G.S. and I.C.G.): Sluggan samples referring to early pollen zone boundaries are:

Zone I/II. UB-229 F: $10,520 \pm 125$ B.C., comparable with Q-358: $10,000 \pm 190$ B.C., Q-359: 9895 ± 190 and 9880 ± 190 B.C. (R., 1964, v. 6, p. 117-118) for this boundary at Roddans Port, Co. Down; indistinguishable from I-3589: $10,550 \pm 190$ B.C. (R., 1970, v. 12, p. 102) for stratigraphically similar position at Blelham Bog, N Lancashire (*cf.* Pennington and Bonny, 1970).

Zone II/III. UB-227 F: 8995 ± 145 B.C., is close to date expected by Godwin (1959) and tends to confirm that Q-364: 9820 ± 190 B.C. and Q-365: 9520 ± 150 (R., 1964, v. 6, p. 118) for similar horizon at Roddans Port, Co. Down are too old; supported by date for base of Younger *Salix herbacea* clay at Roddans Port: UB-401 C: 9200 ± 95 B.C. (this list).

Zone III/III-IV. UB-444: 7660 ± 130 B.C., dates zone boundary defined biostratigraphically, ca. 10 cm above lithostratigraphic boundary. Date appears somewhat younger than lithostratigraphic boundary at Scaleby Moss, Cumberland, dated by Q-151-153 (R., 1959, v. 1, p. 64-65), and early postglacial juniper rise at Blelham Bog, N Lancashire, dated by I-3598: 8540 ± 160 (R., 1970, v. 12, p. 103; *cf.* Pennington and Bonny, 1970). Date is, however, close to Q-697 for apparently similar horizon at Bigholm Burn, Dumfriesshire, 7640 ± 170 , 7520 ± 170 B.C. (R., 1964, v. 6, p. 120).

Zone III-IV/IV. UB-225 F: 7525 ± 140 B.C., is younger than Q-368: 8260 ± 150 B.C., (R., 1964, v. 6, p. 118) Roddans Port, Co. Down, from horizon slightly higher Zone IV. Q-699: 6700 ± 165 B.C. is from similar pollen analytic horizon at Bigholm Burn, Dumfriesshire, but was believed too young due to contamination (R., 1965, v. 7, p. 207). Comparable dates from similar horizon at Ballynagilly, Co. Tyrone, UB-260: 7645 ± 80 B.C., and at Slieve Gallion, Co. Tyrone, UB-321: 7260 ± 110 and UB-281, 7265 ± 75 B.C., (R., 1971, v. 13, p. 114).

Zone IV/V. UB-433: 7410 ± 150 B.C., indistinguishable from Q-922: 7506 ± 200 B.C., Red Moss, Lancashire (R., 1970, v. 12, p. 593) and Q-366: 7480 ± 150 B.C., Roddans Port, Co. Down (R., 1964, v. 6, p. 119), at younger end of range of British dates (*cf.* Godwin, 1960b).

Gortcorbies series, Co. Londonderry

Samples from 3 superposed cores, from which pollen diagram was prepared, from valley bog in Gortcorbies Td., 8 km WNW of Limavady, Co. Londonderry (54° 59' N Lat, 6° 50' W Long; Irish Grid Ref. C 740256) alt. ca. 210 m O.D. Coll. 1968 by A. G. Smith and I. C. Goddard. Sampling point is few hundred m from site of Neolithic and Beaker occupations (May, 1950; see Gortcorbies archaeological series, this list). All samples received acid pretreatment. All sample depths are measured from bog surface.

730 ± 65

UB-389. Gortcorbies core, 41 to 44 cm **A.D. 1220**

Blanket peat. Final fall of tree pollen to very low level with striking increase of grass, sedge, heath, and plantain pollen.

1385 ± 65

UB-388. Gortcorbies core, 90 to 93 cm **A.D. 565**

Blanket peat. Mid-point of fall of tree pollen curve from ca. 60% to ca. 20%, immediately below tenfold increase of plantain pollen and rise of grasses and heaths.

2055 ± 65

UB-387. Gortcorbies core, 158 to 161 cm **105 B.C.**

Blanket peat. Fall of tree pollen curve from ca. 60% to ca. 30% and fall of elm curve to insignificant values from which it never recovers (*cf.* Pollen Zone Boundary VIII/IX, Mitchell, 1956). Non-tree pollen, particularly of grasses, sedges, and plantains rises.

3025 ± 70

UB-386. Gortcorbies core, 209 to 212 cm **1075 B.C.**

Amorphous organic deposit. Sharp fall of tree pollen from ca. 35% to ca. 20% at end of general fall from level of UB-385. Grass and plantain pollen increases temporarily; other weed species present.

3605 ± 70

UB-385. Gortcorbies core, 243 to 246 cm **1655 B.C.**

Highly humified reedy peat. Sample at end of presumed reedswamp phase of basin and at beginning of gradual decline of tree pollen from ca. 75% to ca. 35% just below UB-386. Heath, plantain, and other non-tree pollen rises steadily above level of sample.

4070 ± 75

UB-384. Gortcorbies core, 263 to 266 cm **2120 B.C.**

Highly decayed peat with some wood. Beginning of presumed reedswamp phase of basin: decline of pine values to below 2% (*cf.* Pollen Zone Boundary VII/VIII, Jessen, 1949).

3975 ± 75

UB-382. Gortcorbies core, 294 to 297 cm **2025 B.C.**

Highly decayed peat with wood and reeds. Fall of tree pollen from ca. 90% to ca. 60%. Alder and elm curves decline and ash pollen appears;

plantain and heath pollen appears in quantity, and grass pollen rises substantially.

4520 ± 80
2570 B.C.

UB-237. Gortcorbies core, 312 to 315 cm

Highly decayed peat with wood and reeds. Rise of birch and alder curves; fall of willow, pine, and hazel curves. Total tree pollen maintained ca. 80% to 90%.

4500 ± 55
2550 B.C.

UB-236. Gortcorbies core, 322 to 325 cm

Highly decayed peat with wood and reeds, containing fine charcoal fragments. Rise of birch and alder and fall of pine and willow curves: trends reverse before level of UB-237. Total tree pollen maintained at ca. 80%.

4750 ± 70
2800 B.C.

UB-235. Gortcorbies core, 325 to 328 cm

Highly decayed peat with wood and reeds, containing fine charcoal fragments. Rise of pine, elm, and willow curves; fall of birch and alder curves indicate regeneration at end of land-clearance phase (*cf.* Stage C, Pilcher, *et al.*, 1971).

5160 ± 75
3210 B.C.

UB-234. Gortcorbies core, 331 to 333 cm

Highly decayed peat with wood and reeds. Elm decline, marking Pollen Zone Boundary VIIa/VIIb (Jessen, 1949) and VII/VIII (Mitchell, 1956), in progress. Curves for grasses, birch, and alder rise. Curves for pine and willow fall. Sample includes 1st plantain pollen.

4505 ± 95
2555 B.C.

UB-233. Gortcorbies core, 333 to 346 cm

Wood (*Alnus*) id. by I.C.G. from peat including wood from level of UB-231 (below). *Comment:* young date compared with adjacent peat (UB-231, -232, and -234) suggest wood is of intrusive root.

5115 ± 85
3165 B.C.

UB-232. Gortcorbies core, 334 to 336 cm

Highly decayed peat with wood and reeds, containing fine charcoal fragments. Sharp rise of sedge pollen from ca. 15% to ca. 60% of tree pollen. Immediately below beginning of elm decline. Alder and pine curves fall; willow increases.

5805 ± 85
3855 B.C.

UB-231. Gortcorbies core, 336 to 342 cm

Highly decayed peat with wood and reeds, containing fine charcoal fragments. Fall of tree pollen from ca. 95% to ca. 75%; rise of pine and alder curves. Bulk of wood removed during pretreatment and incorporated in UB-233. Broadly covers Pollen Zone Boundary VI/VII, Boreal-Atlantic, (Jessen, 1949).

UB-230. Gortcorbies core, 365 to 368 cm**7755 ± 90****5805 B.C.**

Highly decayed peat with wood and reeds. Sample at level of 1st appearance of oak pollen, close to Pollen Zone Boundary V/VI (Jessen, 1949).

General Comment (A.G.S. and I.C.G.): samples selected to date pollen-analytically defined stages of forest development and phases of clearance by man. As with Co. Tyrone sites Beaghmore and Ballynagilly (R., 1970, v. 12, p. 293-296), 1st indications of forest clearance are close to expansion of alder. Elm decline above 333 cm bracketed by UB-232 and -233 dates from ca. 3200 B.C., as at other sites. Land clearance phase of type described by Pilcher *et al.*, (1971), starting at this level, is clearly early Neolithic and lasted some 4 centuries, shown by UB-235 at its close.

UB-236 and -237, though separated by ca. 10 cm peat, are indistinguishable. Penetration by roots (UB-233, above) may have affected dates or deposition rate. Fivefold increase of deposition rate above level of UB-384 relative to that below UB-235. Between these samples it may have been irregular. By comparison with adjacent samples, UB-382 appears slightly too young and it may also have contained roots. Deposition rate below UB-235 is ca. 70 yr/cm and above UB-384 is ca. 15 yr/cm.

At level of UB-382: 2025 ± 75 B.C., marked forest clearance is indicated and appears attributable to Beaker peoples (see general comment on Ballynagilly Series I, R., 1971, v. 13, p. 105-108), but date is statistically indistinguishable from UB-384, above. Evidence for considerable Beaker activity close to site found by Herring (1938) and May (1938; 1950). UB-385: 1655 ± 70 B.C., dates beginning of slowly progressive deforestation which probably began in Early Bronze age (R., 1971, v. 13, p. 107), and continued until level of UB-386: 1075 ± 70 B.C., where agricultural activity appears much intensified. This date compares closely with that given by Eogan (1964) for Bishopsland phase of later Bronze age.

UB-387: 105 ± 65 B.C. is at level of extensive forest clearance, which probably occurred in Iron age. Date is indistinguishable from those of nearby charcoal layers above Neolithic hearths, UB-434 and UB-435 (this list). Massive clearance at level of UB-388: A.D. 565 ± 65, presumably largely for pastoralism, probably occurred in Later Iron age (Early Christian times) and final clearance at level of UB-389: A.D. 1220 ± 65, appears to have been in Norman times.

General comment on samples relevant to dating of Flandrian pollen zone boundaries: samples from Gortcorbies (this list) and Sluggan referring to later pollen zone boundaries are:

Zone V/VI. UB-442: 6590 ± 120 B.C., shows that V/VI boundary at Sluggan falls within range established for N Ireland—Q-367: 7140 ± 150 B.C. (Roddans Port; R., 1964, v. 6, p. 119), UB-280: 6810 ± 90 B.C. and UB-258: 6145 ± 80 B.C. (Slieve Gallion and Ballynagilly; R., 1971, v. 13, p. 112-113). Some of these determinations appear younger than determi-

nations for zone boundary in England: Q-161: 7059 ± 194 (Scaleby: R., 1959, v. 1, p. 64) and Q-920: 6840 ± 170 B.C. (Red Moss, Lancs; R., 1970, v. 12, p. 593). UB-230: 5805 ± 90 B.C., which dates this zone boundary at Gortcorbies, is younger still, but comparable with Q-701: 5690 ± 160 B.C. (R., 1964, v. 6, p. 120) for Bigholm Burn, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, which has, however, been held in question.

Zone VI/VII. UB-221 A: 4810 ± 90 , for Boreal-Atlantic transition at Sluggan is close to those previously obtained for N Ireland (R., 1971, v. 13, p. 124). UB-231: 3855 ± 85 B.C., however, which broadly covers Zone Boundary VI/VII at Gortcorbies is younger than dates previously obtained, though major rise of alder at some sites is late; e.g., just before 3345 ± 75 B.C., UB-93, at Beaghmore and between 3195 ± 70 B.C., UB-253, and 3625 ± 70 B.C., UB-254, at Ballynagilly, Co. Tyrone (R., 1970, v. 12, p. 294-295).

Zone VIIa/VIIb (sensu Jessen, 1949, VII/VIII, sensu Mitchell, 1956). UB-441: 3015 ± 75 B.C., for the elm decline at Sluggan, and both UB-234: 3210 ± 75 B.C. and UB-232: 3165 ± 85 B.C. for this horizon at Gortcorbies, are close to those summarized in R., 1971, v. 13, p. 122.

Zone VIIb/VIII sensu Jessen (1949). UB-439: 1995 ± 85 B.C., for final pine decline at Sluggan, and UB-384, 2120 ± 75 , for a pine decline at Gortcorbies, are indistinguishable. Both are close to UB-111: 2250 ± 85 B.C. (Ballyscullion; R., 1971, v. 13, p. 110) and UB-274: 2215 ± 80 B.C. (Slieve Gallion; R., 1971, v. 13, p. 113). A further pine decline at Gortcorbies is dated to 1075 ± 70 B.C., UB-386; see also R., 1971, v. 13, p. 122.

Zone VIII/IX sensu Mitchell (1956). UB-437: A.D. 315 ± 75 , at Sluggan, conforms with other dates for final elm decline: D-18: A.D. 340 ± 120 (Agher, Co. Meath); D-29: A.D. 330 ± 130 (Clonsast, Co. Offaly) and D-8: A.D. 225 ± 130 (Redbog, Co. Louth) (R., 1961, v. 3, p. 28-30). At Gortcorbies, however, final elm decline is dated by UB-387: 105 ± 65 B.C. which parallels date immediately above a similar elm decline at Beaghmore, Co. Tyrone UB-87: 140 ± 70 B.C. (R., 1970, v. 12, p. 293). In both these cases the plantain curve rises, but does not in Mitchell's diagrams. At Gortcorbies and Beaghmore, final decline of elm thus falls in early Iron age, rather than Early Christian (Later Iron age).

Foulshaw Moss series, Westmorland, England

Sphagnum-Eriophorum-(Calluna) peat from pollen-analyzed cores of raised bog, Foulshaw Moss, Westmorland, 8 km NE of Grange-over-Sands, N. Lancashire ($54^{\circ} 14' N$ Lat, $2^{\circ} 50' W$ Long; Grid Ref. SD 458837) alt. 7.6 m O.D. Coll. 1969 and subm. by F. Oldfield, School of Biol. and Env. Sci., New Univ., Ulster. All samples received acid pretreatment. (Ref. Smith, 1959; Powell, Oldfield, and Corcoran, 1971).

5065 \pm 100

UB-466. Foulshaw Moss, Core III, 133 to 137 cm 3115 B.C.

Peat stratigraphically above Core II, but laterally displaced, less than 5 cm above UB-463 (below). *Comment* (F.O.): sample underlies decline of elm curve. Late Pollen Zone VIIa.

UB-465. Foulshaw Moss, Core II, 0 to 3 cm **4810 ± 95**
2860 B.C.

Peat. *Comment* (F.O.): sample at level of lime pollen maximum immediately below start of elm decline. Late Pollen Zone VIIa.

UB-464. Foulshaw Moss, Core II, 3 to 6 cm **4895 ± 95**
2945 B.C.

Peat, contiguous with UB-465 (above). *Comment* (F.O.): sample at level of high lime pollen frequency, just below maximum. Late Pollen Zone VIIa.

UB-463. Foulshaw Moss, Core II, 17 to 20 cm **5380 ± 100**
3430 B.C.

Peat. *Comment* (F.O.): sample 10 cm below level of lime pollen increase. Level correlated on basis of pollen analysis with artifacts from Storrs Moss (Powell, Oldfield, and Corcoran, 1971). Late Pollen Zone VIIa.

UB-462. Foulshaw Moss, Core II, 20 to 23 cm **5435 ± 100**
3485 B.C.

Peat, contiguous with UB-463 (above). *Comment* (F.O.): sample 14 cm below level of lime pollen increase. Late Pollen Zone VIIa.

General Comment (F.O.): dates form consistent series with possible exception of UB-465, and show that early Neolithic material from Storrs Moss, correlated with present profile on basis of pollen analysis, is ca. 5400 yr. old.

UB-322 D. Ballynagilly core, 376 to 380 cm **9535 ± 110**
7585 B.C.

Further sample from Ballynagilly Series II (R., 1970, v. 12, p. 294 and R., 1971, v. 13, p. 112). Particulate fraction of fine detritus mud from 376 to 380 cm depth in bog adjacent to "The Corbie", Ballynagilly Td., Co. Tyrone (54° 42' N Lat, 6° 51' W Long; Irish Grid Ref. H 743837). *Comment*: sample taken to investigate humic acid movement in basal deposits. Date for particulate fraction is indistinguishable from date for whole peat sample, UB-260, contiguous with and below this sample. Date for humic acid is clearly younger showing movement of humic materials as found at Slieve Gallion (R., 1971, v. 13, p. 113-114).

UB-322 C. (humic acid) 9180 ± 110

III. TIMBER SAMPLES

UB-343. Derrykerran South, Bog Oak 367 **4985 ± 100**
3035 B.C.

Bog oak from Derrykerran S Td., 4.8 km N of Portadown, Co. Armagh (54° 28' N Lat, 6° 27' W Long; Irish Grid Ref. J 007588) alt. ca. 24 m O.D. Twenty annual rings 10 yr from outside of 350-yr-old tree. Coll. 1968 by M. G. L. Baillie. Pretreatment by bleaching and charring.

UB-342. Cullyhanna, Bog Oak 478 **4685 ± 75**
2735 B.C.

Bog oak from Cullyhanna lake, 4.8 km N of Crossmaglen, Co. Armagh (54° 7' N Lat, 6° 36' 30" W Long; Irish Grid Ref. H 915198) alt. 107 m O.D. Twenty annual rings, 40 yr from outside of 120-yr-old tree. Coll. 1969 by M. G. L. Baillie. Pretreatment by bleaching and charring.

UB-417. Shanes Castle, Bog Oak 509 **3625 ± 80**
1675 B.C.

Bog oak from Shanes Castle estate, 1.6 km SE of Randalstown, Co. Antrim (54° 44' 30" N Lat, 6° 18' W Long; Irish Grid Ref. J 095897) alt. 37 m O.D. Twenty annual rings, 65 yr from outside of 190-yr-old tree. Coll. 1970 by M. G. L. Baillie. Pretreatment by bleaching and charring.

UB-396. Derrycrow, Bog Oak 477 **4305 ± 80**
2355 B.C.

Bog oak from Derrycrow Td., 10.5 km N of Portadown, Co. Armagh (45° 30' 45" N Lat, 6° 29' 30" W Long; Irish Grid Ref. H 987641) alt. ca. 18 m O.D. From layer of oaks in peat ca. 20 to 30 cm above mineral soil. Coll. 1969 by A. G. S. Pretreatment by bleaching and charring. *Comment*: pollen and macro-remains, analyzed by R. Todd, show that oakwood, represented by tree dated, and which replaced alder carr, was itself replaced by birch.

UB-397. Ballymacombs More, Bog Oak 342 **3955 ± 80**
2005 B.C.

Bog oak from Ballymacombs More, 13 km ESE of Ballymena, Co. Londonderry (53° 48' N Lat, 6° 28' W Long; Irish Grid Ref. H 987987) alt. ca. 18 m O.D. Sample from lower layer of stumps. Coll. 1969 by R. Todd. Pretreatment by bleaching and charring. *Comment*: pollen and macro-remains, analyzed by R. Todd, show sample came from 1st phase of oakwood, which succeeded alder carr, and was eventually replaced by birch.

General Comment on timber samples: 5 dates for bog oaks (UB-342, 343, 396, 397, and 417) from lowland mires from 3500 to 5000 yr B.P. One other lowland oak, UB-286, and one upland oak, UB-293, fall in same range (R., 1970, v. 13, p. 123). Concentration in this period suggests general dryness of bog surfaces.

IV. GEOCHEMICAL SAMPLES

Beaghs sandpit series, Co. Antrim

Continuation of series from R., 1970, v. 13, p. 123-125, from W side of sand quarry in Beaghs Td., 3.2 km W of Cushendall, Co. Antrim (55° 5' N Lat, 6° 11' W Long; Irish Grid Ref. D 156276). Coll. 1969 by P. Q. Dresser.

UB-289. Beaghs sandpit, No. 3 **5135 ± 100**
3185 B.C.

Root of pine tree from glacial deposit, 20 to 100 cm below blanket

peat and directly below Sample 5 (UB-291: R., 1971, v. 13, p. 124). Pretreatment by bleaching and charring.

UB-290. Beaghs sandpit, No. 4

Modern

Rootlets impacted against iron pan 20 cm below basal blanket peat. Pretreatment: humic acid removal with 1% NaOH, acidification, washing, and charring.

2980 ± 80

UB-292. Beaghs sandpit, No. 6

1030 B.C.

Humic acid from mineral soil below blanket peat, 2 m N of pine stump, UB-291 (R., 1971, v. 13, p. 124).

4155 ± 120

UB-270 E. Beaghs sandpit, No. 1

2205 B.C.

Charcoal from basal 2 cm layer of blanket peat (UB-270 A: R., 1971, v. 13, p. 124). *Comment:* sample diluted with inactive methane for counting.

General Comment (P.Q.D.): date for pine root is older than that for pine trunk in base of blanket peat ca. 30 cm above (UB-291: 4905 ± 85, R., 1971, v. 13, p. 124), but number of annual rings in root dated was not determined; root and trunk are not certainly from different trees. These dates are both older than any fraction of basal blanket peat at site (UB-270). Date for humus in sand below blanket peat (UB-292) is much younger than basal blanket peat (UB-270) demonstrating mobility of humic substances. Date for rootlets impacted on pre-peat iron pan (UB-290) shows penetration from near present surface, possibly after exposure of peat face.

Roddans Port series, Co. Down

Samples from Late Weichselian deposits at Roddans Port, 17 km SE of Newtownards, Co. Down (54° 30' 40" N Lat, 5° 28' W Long; Irish Grid Ref. J 640658) alt. 2.4 m O.D. Deposits now exposed at low tide. Coll. 1970 by P. Q. Dresser. Site previously investigated stratigraphically and palynologically by Morrison and Stephens (1965) and extensively dated by Cambridge Lab. (R., 1964, v. 6, p. 117-119). Pollen zones given tentatively here are by stratigraphic comparison. Stratigraphy at sampling point, comparable with Point 3 of Morrison and Stephens, is:

0 to	6 cm	<i>Phragmites</i> peat
6 to	16 cm	dark brown muddy peat
16 to	29 cm	light brown muddy peat
29 to	103 cm	gritty clay and pebbles with organic-rich layers at 95 and 100 cm
103 to	113 cm	transitional peaty clay
113 to	160 cm	light brown highly compacted organic detritus mud
160 to	—	gray sticky clay

10,835 ± 165
8885 B.C.
 $\delta C^{13} = -25.6\text{‰}$

UB-399 A. Roddans Port, No. 2

Muddy peat from 26 to 29 cm depth. Presumed base of Pollen Zone III-IV.

UB-399 C. (humic acid)	10,430 ± 150
	$\delta C^{13} = -26.1\text{‰}$
UB-399 D. (particulate > 250 μ)	10,190 ± 145
	$\delta C^{13} = -24.8\text{‰}$
UB-399 F. (particulate < 250 μ)	9995 ± 145
	$\delta C^{13} = -27.3\text{‰}$

Comment (P.Q.D.): δC^{13} values are within normal range for organic deposits indicating no appreciable hard-water effect. Relative oldness of the whole sample (A) is inexplicable, as it should be a weighted mean value of the ages of the various fractions. Humic acid fraction (C) is not younger than either of the particulate fractions as it is in some other fractionated samples; this suggests lack of movement of humic materials, though particulate fractions may contain younger rootlet material. If this is true, humic acid (C) is more likely to provide reliable date for sample.

10,730 ± 145
8780 B.C.

UB-400 A. Roddans Port, No. 3

Solifluction clay with organic content from 29 to 31 cm depth. Presumed top of Pollen Zone III. Sample had obvious secondary penetration by rootlets.

UB-400 C. (humic acid)	10,380 ± 80
UB-400 D. (particulate > 250 μ)	11,140 ± 155
UB-400 F. (particulate < 250 μ)	10,400 ± 175
	$\delta C^{13} = -24.8\text{‰}$

Comment (P.Q.D.): whole sample date (A) is acceptably within range of dates for the fractions. D fraction (solids > 250 μ) is clearly older than either of other 2 fractions and thus may contain derived material. If it does, then presumably fine particulate fraction (F) may also contain derived material.

11,390 ± 160
9440 B.C.
 $\delta C^{13} = -25.4\text{‰}$

UB-401 A. Roddans Port, No. 4

Organic layers from solifluction clay from 95 to 100 cm depth. Near presumed base of Pollen Zone III.

UB-401 C. (humic acid)	11,150 ± 95
	$\delta C^{13} = -27.1\text{‰}$
UB-401 D. (particulate > 250 μ)	11,110 ± 125
	$\delta C^{13} = -25.5\text{‰}$
UB-401 F. (particulate < 250 μ)	10,740 ± 145
	$\delta C^{13} = -28.2\text{‰}$

Comment (P.Q.D.): distribution of dates is similar to that for UB-399,

though whole sample date (A) is indistinguishable from all except fine particulate fraction (F) date. By comparison with UB-399, humic acid (C) probably provides most reliable date.

General Comment (P.Q.D.): lack of consistency of date distributions of samples probably indicates interplay of various types of error assoc. with sediments. Humic acid (C) fractions possibly more reliable than other fractions, due to their fixation by mineral ions from salt water.

Sluggan series, Co. Antrim

Series continued from R., 1970, v. 13, p. 124-125. Peat samples from Sluggan bog, Ballylurgan Td. (not Magheralane Td., as erroneously stated before), 2.4 km NE of Randalstown, Co. Antrim (54° 46' N Lat, 6° 18' W Long; Irish Grid Ref. J 009921) alt. ca. 52 m O.D. Sampling by 5.2 m depth excavation. Coll. 1968 by P. Q. Dresser. (See also Sluggan monolith series, this list).

(1) **9530 ± 140**
7580 B.C.

UB-255 A. Sluggan, No. 16, 445 to 450 cm

(2) **9780 ± 150**
7830 B.C.

Muddy reedswamp peat with abundant seeds (*Menyanthes*) and some small twigs.

UB-225 B. (water soluble)	8895 ± 125
UB-225 C. (humic acid)	9415 ± 130
UB-225 D. (particulate > 250 μ)	9130 ± 135
UB-225 F. (particulate < 250 μ)	9475 ± 145

Comment (P.Q.D.): dates for whole peat appear inexplicably older than any of fractions though mean of whole peat (A) determinations (9655 ± 115) is not significantly older than dates for fractions C and F. Relatively young dates for fractions B and D indicate mobility of water soluble materials and penetration by rootlets, respectively. Date of F fraction may be taken as most reliable date for sample.

UB-227 A. Sluggan, No. 18, 482 to 487 cm **10,440 ± 110**
8490 B.C.

$\delta C^{13} = -30.4\%$

Fine detritus mud with some moss and reeds and a few seeds (*Menyanthes*).

UB-227 C. (humic acid)	10,795 ± 140
	$\delta C^{13} = -28.4\%$
UB-227 D. (particulate > 250 μ)	10,805 ± 125
	$\delta C^{13} = -30.7\%$
UB-227 F. (particulate < 250 μ)	10,945 ± 145
	$\delta C^{13} = -30.4\%$

Comment (P.Q.D.): whole peat date is younger than any of fraction dates, which are themselves indistinguishable, possibly due in part to presence of younger water-soluble materials, see UB-225 above.

12,360 ± 165
UB-299 A. Sluggan, No. 20, 515 to 520 cm 10,410 B.C.

Fine detritus mud with some moss, seeds (*Menyanthes*), and reeds.
 Basal layer of organic deposits.

UB-229 C. (humic acid)	11,225 ± 160
UB-229 D. (particulate > 250 μ)	12,060 ± 125
UB-229 F. (particulate < 250 μ)	12,470 ± 125

Comment (P.Q.D.): dates for C and D fractions are younger than date for F fraction indicating they may contain material from higher levels. F fraction appears to provide most reliable date.

V. GEOLOGIC SAMPLES

Woodgrange series, Co. Down

Samples from emerged beach deposit in Woodgrange Td., 4.8 km W of Downpatrick, Co. Down (54° 19' N Lat, 5° 47' W Long; Irish Grid Ref. J 438449) alt. 6.4 m O.D. Samples from same deposits as those dated by Isotopes (R., 1966, v. 8, p. 179) to obtain closer date bracket for beach deposit. All samples had obvious rootlet penetration. Coll. 1970 by P. Q. Dresser and A. G. Smith (Ref. Singh and Smith, 1966; Dresser, Smith and Pearson, ms. in preparation.)

2380 ± 75
UB-429. Woodgrange, 1 430 B.C.

Upper 4 cm of organic layer above sand layer of beach.

3160 ± 95
UB-430 A. Woodgrange, 2 1210 B.C.

$\delta C^{13} = -29.8\%$

Basal 4 cm of upper layer, above sand and ca. 13 cm below UB-429.

UB-430 C. (humic acid)	3245 ± 85
	$\delta C^{13} = -31.4\%$
UB-430 F. (particulate < 250 μ)	2900 ± 65
	$\delta C^{13} = -30.5\%$

6565 ± 105
UB-431. Woodgrange, 3 4615 B.C.

Uppermost part, ca. 3 cm, of projections of eroded peaty layer below sand beach.

6770 ± 105
UB-432. Woodgrange, 4 4820 B.C.

Lower part, ca. 4 cm, of projections of eroded peaty layer below sand beach.

6610 ± 115
UB-433 A. Woodgrange, 5 4660 B.C.

Peaty material, 4 cm thick, contiguous with, and below, UB-432.

UB-433 C. (humic acid)	6720 ± 105
UB-433 F. (particulate < 250 μ)	5690 ± 85

General Comment (P.Q.D. and A.G.S.): marked age difference between UB-429 and UB-430 indicates lack of physical disturbance. For both UB-430 and UB-433, fine particulate fraction (F) is younger than humic acid fraction suggesting F fractions contained comminuted rootlets. F fraction of UB-430 is probably most reliable *terminus ante quem* for beach and is comparable with I-1199, 3125 ± 150 for similar deposit. Dates for lower organic deposit do not provide close date for beginning of beach deposition because of an erosional unconformity.

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