



Southwell & Nottingham
Church History Project



SPECIAL PROJECTS

MEDIEVAL GLASS ANALYSIS



TREE-RING DATING OF BELLFRAMES

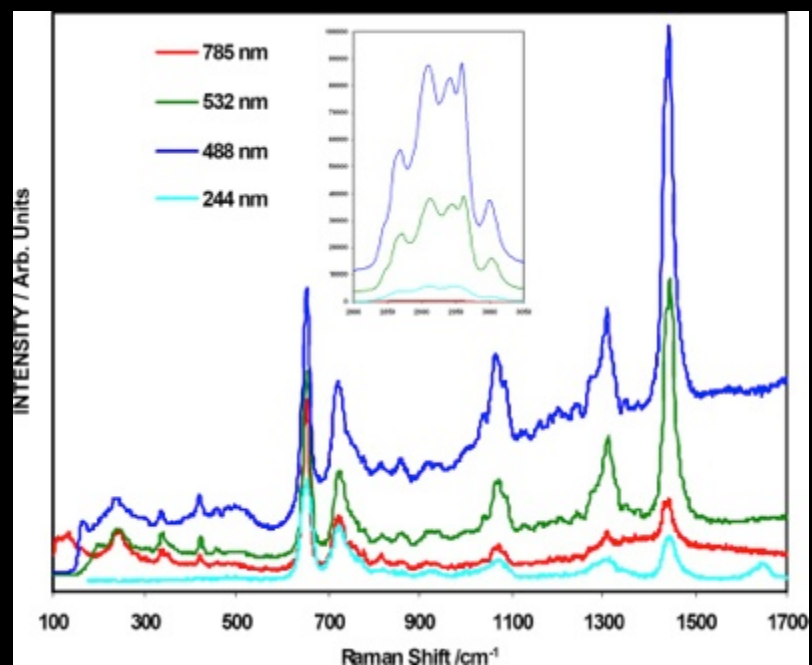
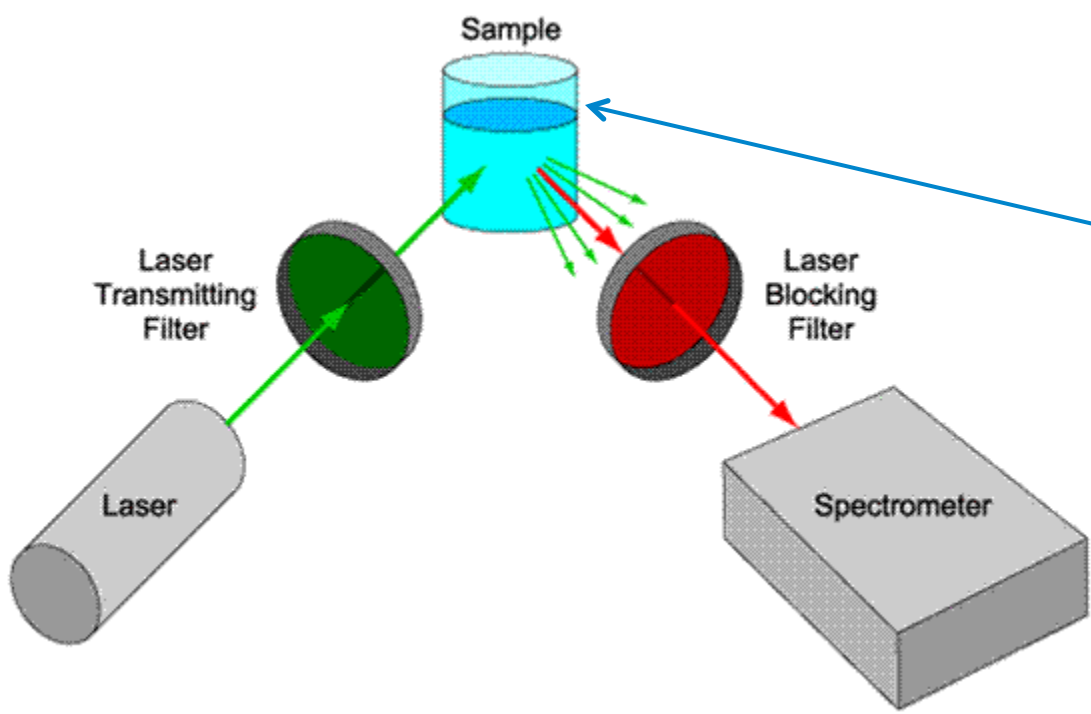


RECORDING MEDIEVAL INCISED CROSS-SLABS





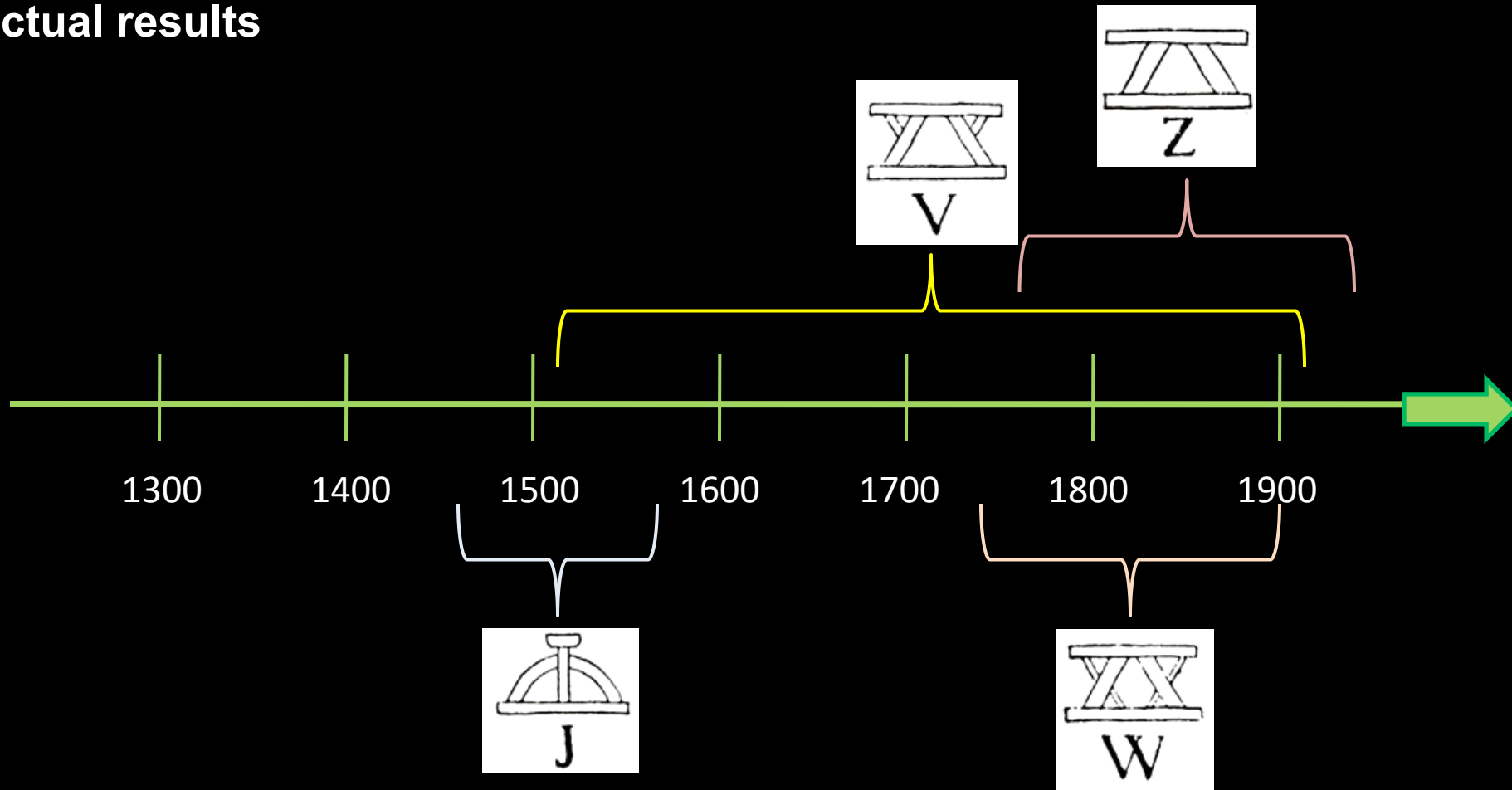
Medieval and early post-medieval (plus 'fake' modern samples)
glass sent for Raman spectrographic analysis



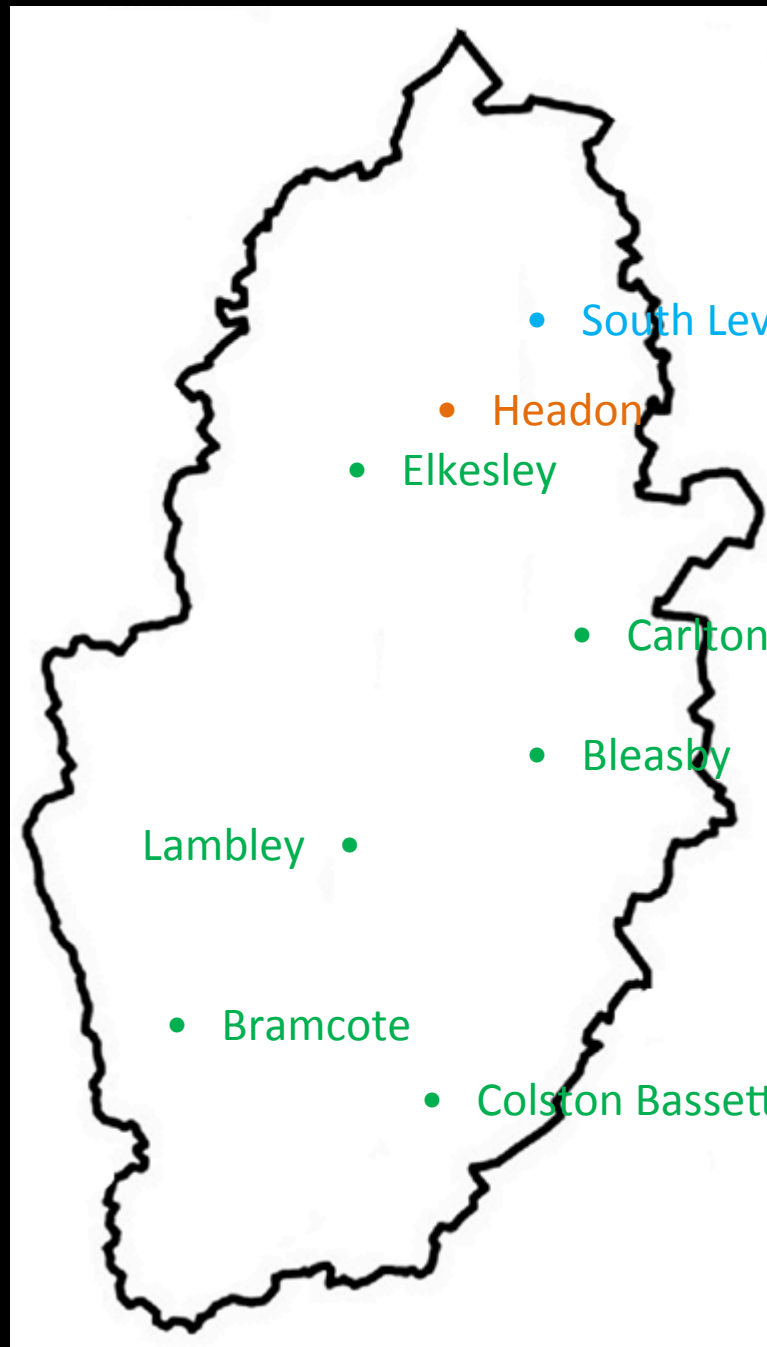


Building a chronology for Nottinghamshire bell frames

Not based on actual results



Hypothetical time-line construction for typological styles of bellframe construction



• South Leverton

• Headon

• Elkesley

• Carlton-on-Trent

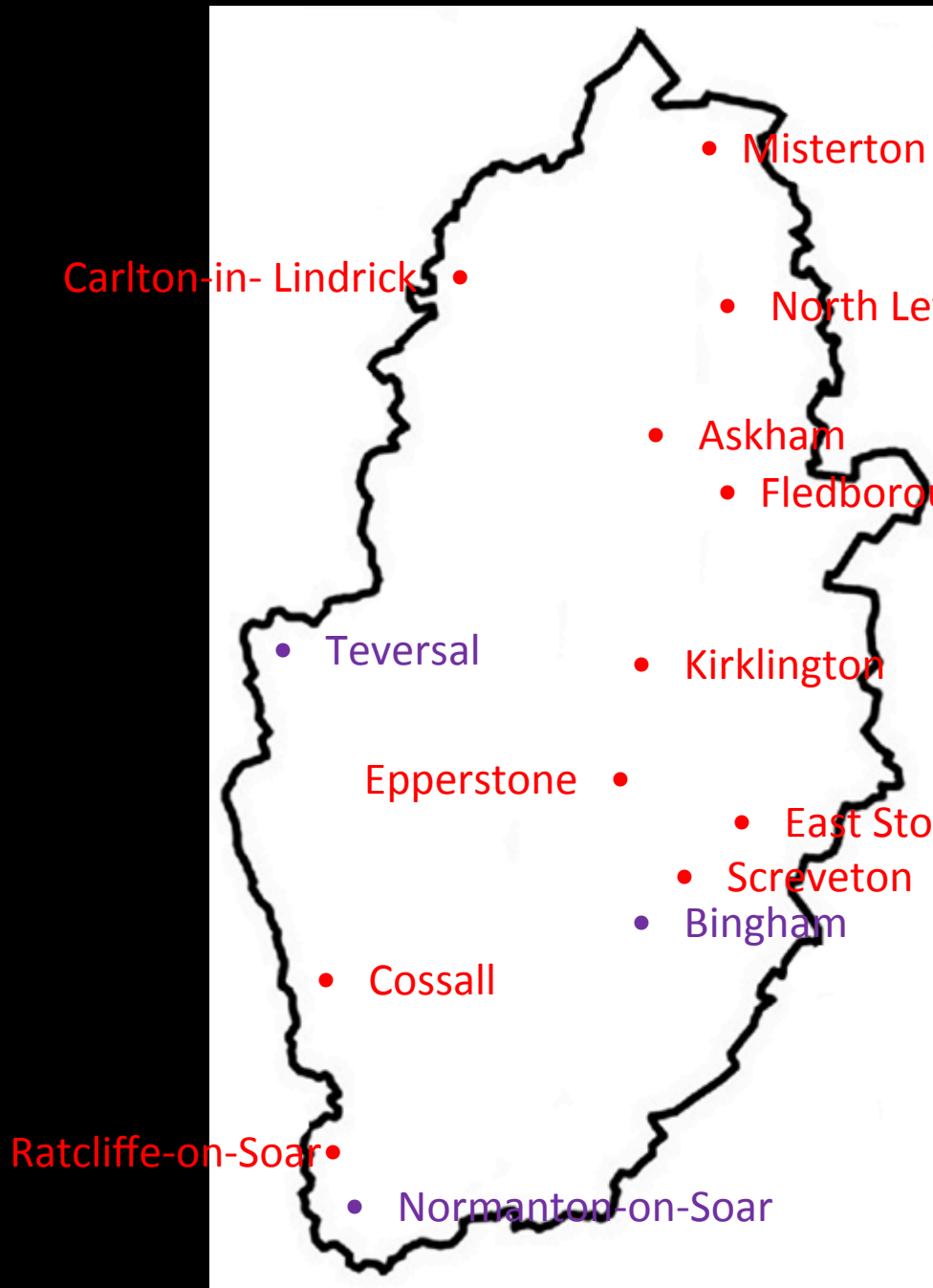
• Bleasby

Lambley •

• Bramcote

• Colston Bassett

Bellframes
already tree-
ring dated



Bellframes
selected for
tree-ring dating



Askham: king-posted
medieval frame

Kirklington: queen-
posted late
medieval frame





Fledborough: early form, free-standing Elphick 'V' frame

East Stoke: altered king-posted frame, probably 16th century



North Leverton: 3-bay
Elphick 'W' frame, post-
medieval



Epperstone: large,
post-medieval Elphick
'V' frame



Tree-ring coring in progress at Kirklington

Medieval incised cross-slabs

- Basic recording carried out in late 1940s-early 1950s by Lawrence Butler
- No detailed drawings or exact locations produced
- Synthesis papers published in 1952 and 1960s, but no definitive corpus
- Approx. 300 slabs in 84 churches noted, but no recording in towers, upper spaces, or of excavated material



Papplewick



Blidworth



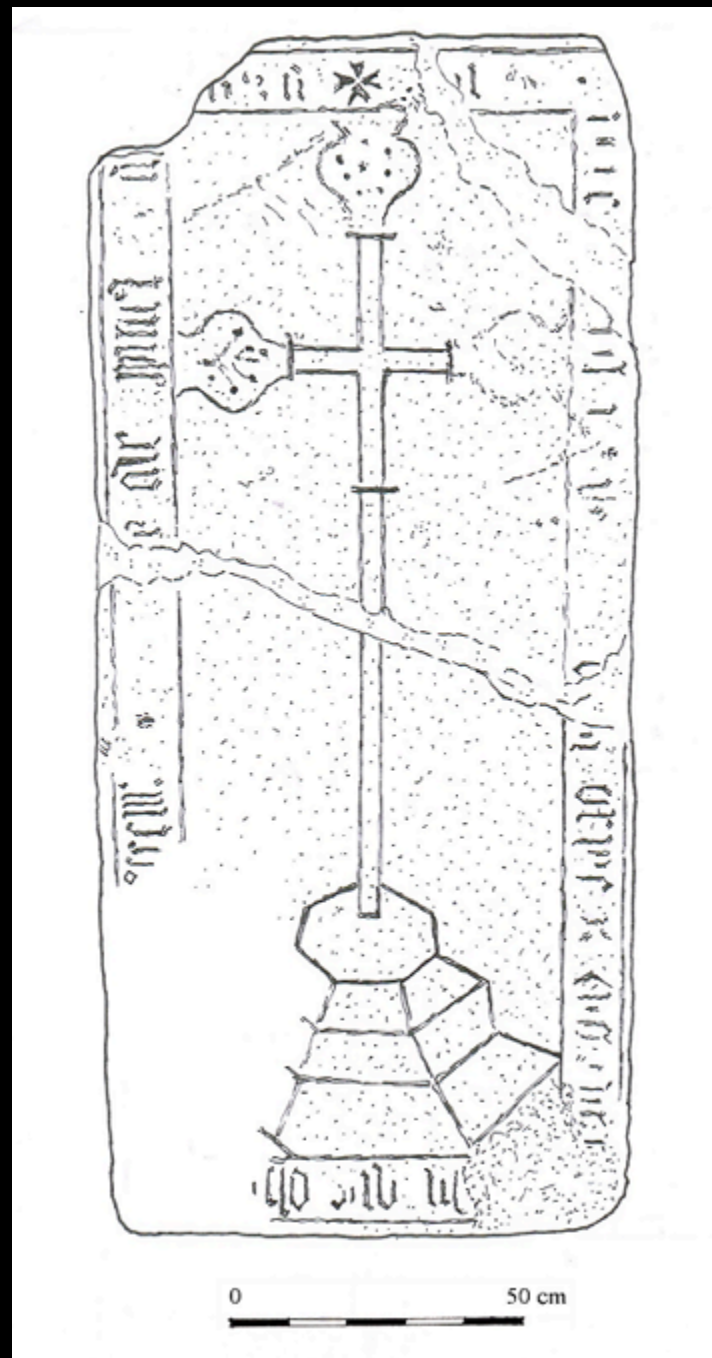
Mansfield



Drawing slabs in the sanctuary at Thurgarton Priory



Thurgarton Priory, sanctuary slab (1)





Skegby – positions of exterior slabs

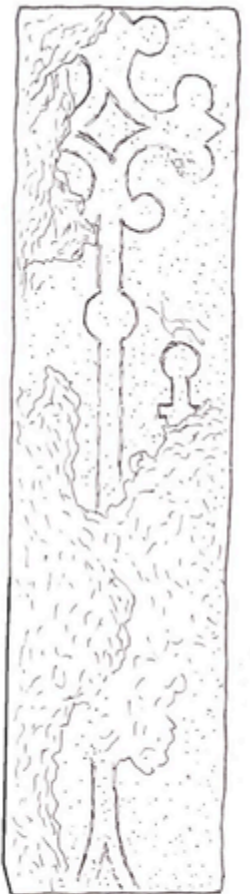


Skegby, slabs on exterior south





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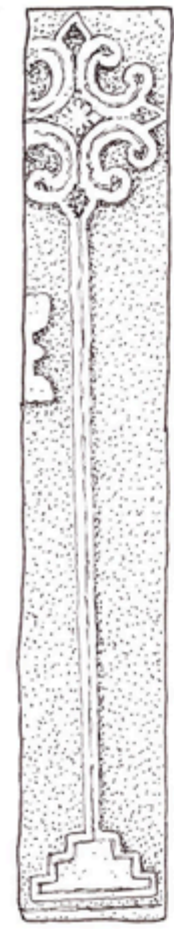
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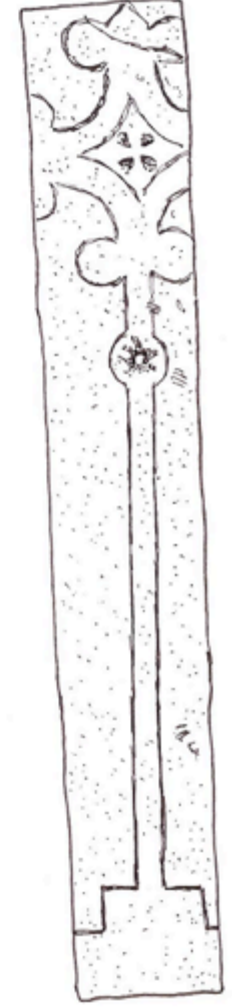
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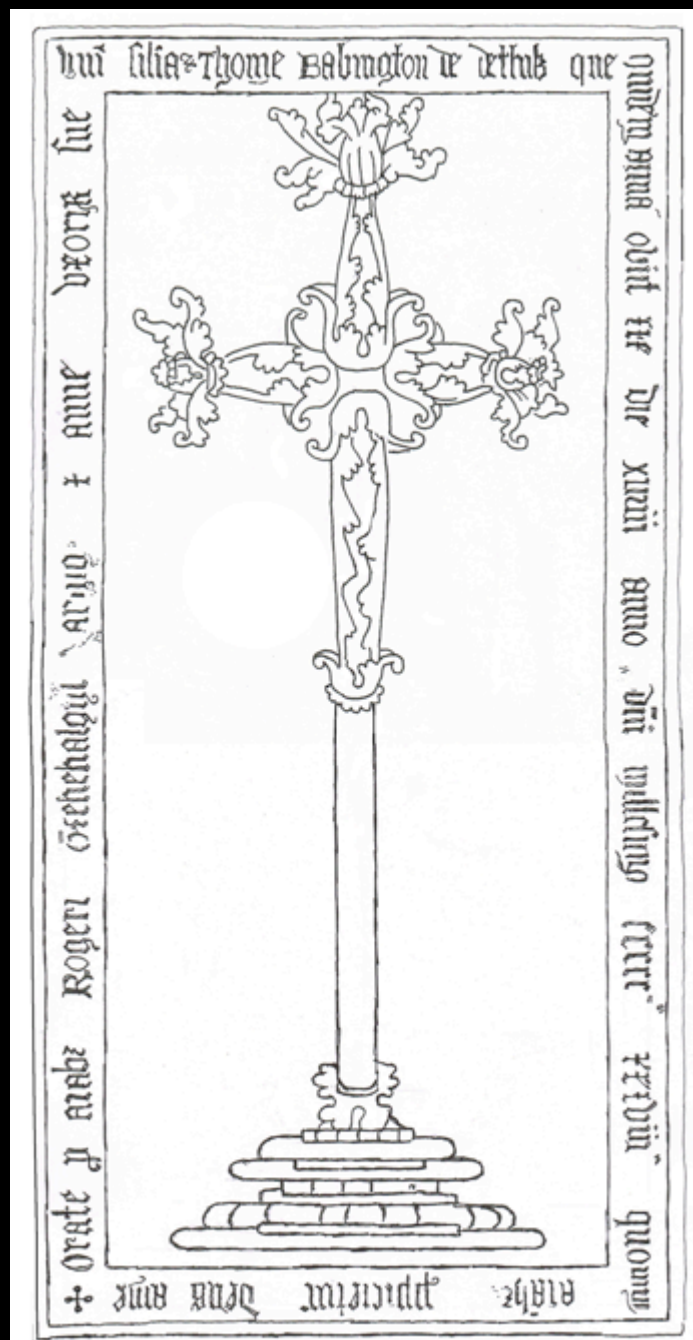


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Skegby – 8 of the 13 slabs found



Teversal: a remarkable Tudor cross-slab in alabaster to Anne Greenhalgh, d. 1538



0 50 cm



East Stoke: previously unknown slab in the interior south belfry window

Where to look for slabs:



Norton Cuckney – north wall of chancel, fragment of shaft



Norton Cuckney: interior
window cill



Papplewick: on the floor

Bole: in the jamb of the south doorway

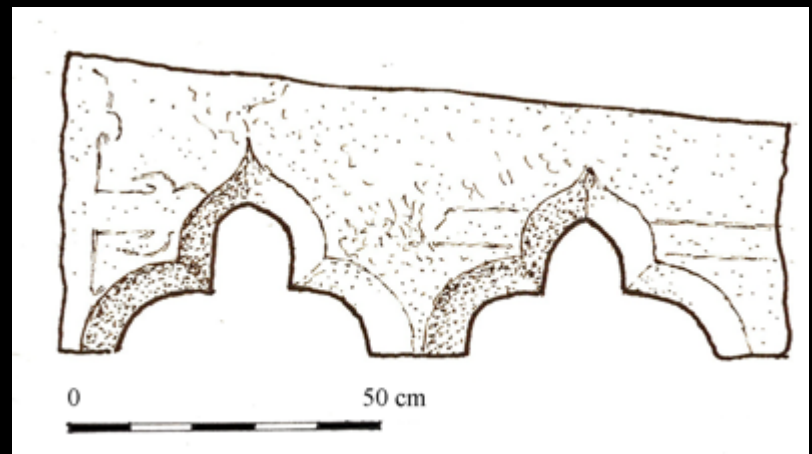


Mansfield St Peter: in the back of a niche





Maplebeck: re-used externally in a window head





Teversal

Mansfield , St Peter

In the porch – on the wall, in the floor, as part of stone benches

Churches known to have
medieval incised cross-slabs
as of Nov 2013:

Annesley (old)
Attenborough
Averham
Bilsthorpe
Bingham
Blidworth
Blyth
Bole
Bothamsall
Burton Joyce
Carburton
Carlton-in-Lindrick
Clifton
Cuckney (Norton Cuckney)
Eakring
East Drayton
East Retford
East Stoke
Edwinstowe
Elston Chapel
Epperstone
Felley Priory
Finningley
Fledborough
Gamston, St Peter

Gedling
Gonalston
Grove
Halloughton
Harworth
Haughton Chapel
Hayton
Hickling
Holme Pierrepont
Hucknall
Kirkby-in-Ashfield, St Wilfrid
Kirklington
Lambley
Langar
Lenton
Linby
Mansfield Ss Peter & Paul
Maplebeck
Mattersey Priory
Newstead Abbey
North Wheatley
Norwell
Nottingham St Mary
Nottingham St Peter
Nuthall
Papplewick
Perlethorpe
Rampton
Rolleston
Rufford Abbey

Screveton
Scrooby
Selston
Skegby
South Leverton
South Scarle
Southwell Minster
Staunton
Sutton-cum-Lound
Sutton-in-Ashfield, St Mary
Sutton-on-Trent
Teversal
Thurgarton
Treswell
Upper Broughton
Upton
Walesby
Walkeringham
Warsop
West Bridgford
West Drayton
West Leake
West Markham
West Retford
Wilford
Willoughby-on-the-Wolds
Woodborough
Worksop Priory