RADIOCARBON DATING SITES OF NORTHWEST RUSSIA AND LATVIA

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ABSTRACT. We describe applications of radiocarbon dating used for establishing a chronology of archaeological sites of the Novgorod region at the end of the first millennium AD. We have ¹⁴C-dated known-age tree rings from sites in Latvia and ancient Novgorod, northwest Russia, as well as charcoal and wood from Novgorod. Calendar ages of ¹⁴C-dated tree rings span the interval, AD 765–999. We used the Groningen calibration program, CAL15 (van der Plicht 1993) to calibrate ¹⁴C ages to calendar years. Comparisons between ¹⁴C results and archaeological data show good agreement, and enable us to narrow the calendar interval of calibrated ¹⁴C determinations.

Introduction

Systematic excavations of old cities in northwest Russia, mainly Novgorod, have led to the construction of an archaeological chronology of the 10th-15th centuries. Lesman (1984, 1990) has linked Russian burial sites in northwest Russia with the well-dated dendrochronological scale of ancient Novgorod. This enables us to place the origin of many burial complexes at the beginning to the middle of the second millennium AD.

Pre-Christian Slavic settlement of northwest Russia has attracted much attention since the end of the 19th century. Recently excavated material from related settlements supplements the information retrieved from burial sites of long-barrow and high mound (sopki) cultures. However, chronological data are scarce (Popov, Svezhentsev and Zaitseva 1993).

The ancient city of Novgorod provides a well-documented archaeological chronology for northwest Russia. Dendrochronologically dated wood samples (Chernykh 1985) and the reconstruction of pavement-level stratigraphy at the Troitskii-VIII site (Bassalygo, Sorokin and Khoroshev 1988) indicate that the settlement at Novgorod extends from the mid-9th to the early 15th centuries. Our research on ¹⁴C-dating tree rings has narrowed the period of occupation to AD 765–1000. Figure 1 shows the archaeological sites of the Novgorod region.

METHODS

We used dendrochronologically dated pine wood samples for ¹⁴C-dating 14 samples from the sites of Ushuri and Araishiu, Latvia (which belong to the western European forest zone and are synchronous with some layers of ancient Novgorod), and 25 samples from the Troitskii-VIII excavation in Novgorod (Chernykh 1985a,b, 1987; Urieva 1989).

Wood samples were pretreated by using benzene/alcohol 2:1 for resin removal and acid-alkali-acid (AAA) solutions. The sequence follows: extraction of resins for 5–6 h; 1% HCl solution at room temperature for 1–2 h; 0.5% NaOH solution at 80°C for 1 h; washing with hot water; 1% HCl solution at 80°C for 1 h; and finally, rinsing with hot water to pH 7. The yield of this procedure is ca. 60–70% by weight. The samples were then carbonized by the dry distillation method (anoxic). We reacted the carbonized samples with lithium, then used standard procedures to convert Li₂C₂ to C_6H_6 . The ¹⁴C activity was measured using liquid scintillation spectrometry. We used a two-channel analyzer with quartz vials of 3.2- and 6.8-ml capacities. We did not correct for isotopic fractionation. The ratio of our calibration standard to the international standard, SRM-4990 (Arslanov

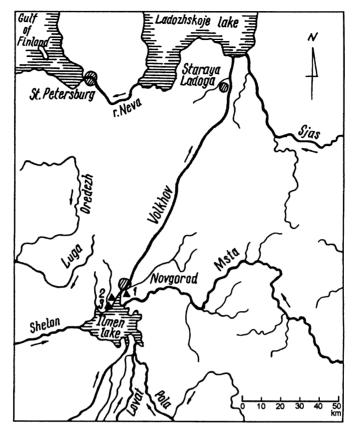


Fig. 1. Map of the Novgorod region and archaeological sites mentioned in the text: 1. Ryurikovo Gorodishche; 2. Gorodishche Georgii; 3. Vasiljevskoe-I settlement

1987) was 4.993 ± 0.011 . The statistical error depended on the number of counts accumulated. Generally, the 1 σ error was between 30 and 60 yr, sometimes 70 and 90 yr.

RESULTS

Earlier excavations yielded ¹⁴C data sets for dendrochronologically dated wood samples from the 25th level of the Troitskii-VIII site in ancient Novgorod: TC-VIII-25–78, felling date: AD 968; and TC-VIII-25–63, felling date: AD 960 (Table 1, Fig. 2: III-IV). In the three years since we wrote our last report (Popov, Svezhentsev and Zaitseva 1993), we have obtained more data from Layers 22, 26 and 27 of the same excavation: TC-VIII-22–50—wood from the framework, felling date: AD 1002; TC-VIII-26–88—wood from planking, felling date: AD 960; and TC-VIII-27–130—wood from a wall, felling date: AD 958 (Table 1, Fig. 2: V-VII). Further, we have obtained dating results of dendrochronologically dated wood from Latvia: Ushuri—wood from planking, felling date: AD 920–930 (Table 1, Fig. 2: I, II)

We have also reconsidered previous conclusions (Popov, Svezhentsev and Zaitseva 1993) based on new results and recent calibration information (Stuiver and Pearson 1993). We used the calibration program CAL15 (van der Plicht 1993) to convert ¹⁴C determinations to calendar ages. We report

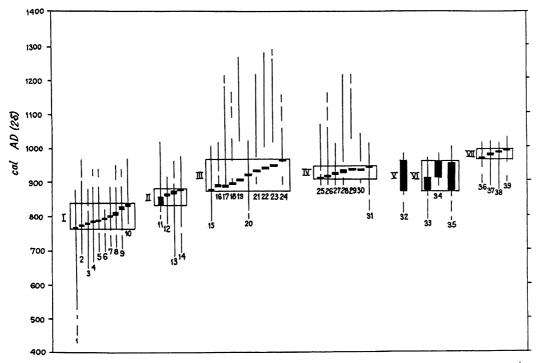


Fig. 2. Calibrated 14 C dates (2 σ) of tree-ring-dated wood samples: I-VII = blocks of tree-ring-dated wood samples; \blacksquare = range of tree-ring dates; Nos. 1-39 = sample numbers correlated to Table 1.

our results in Table 1 and in Figures 2 and 3. Figure 3 shows a rapid decline in ¹⁴C concentration in Section 3 of the curve at *ca*. cal AD 900. Some samples of dendrochronologically dated wood lie within this period.

Table 1 compares calendar ages for wood (determined dendrochronologically) with calibrated ¹⁴C ages (Fig. 2: Blocks I-VII). Generally, the two data sets agree, particularly where the ¹⁴C concentration changes smoothly (Fig. 3: 1, 2, 4). Blocks I, II and IV (Fig. 2) correspond to these sections

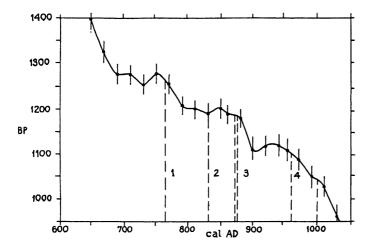


Fig. 3. The Stuiver and Pearson (1993) calibration curve for AD 600-1050 according to the range of ¹⁴C-dated tree-ring dates

and tree-ring dates lie inside the calibrated range of ¹⁴C ages. Blocks III and IV show some differences between calibrated and tree-ring dates, which may be connected with the section of the calibration curve (Fig. 3: 3), where the ¹⁴C concentration quickly changes. It is important to note that the tree-ring samples cover 1–4 rings and have been dated on a bidecadal scale. Measurement may reflect the fine structure of the curve at this point. One cannot fully exclude poorer precision of measurement, on the one hand, and errors in determining tree-ring ages, on the other. In all cases, uncertainties exist in calibrating ages of tree-ring samples; calendar ranges are sometimes wider than tree-ring dates. However, these uncertainties can be smoothed by dating large quantities of tree rings, as Blocks V and VI (Fig. 2) illustrate. We dated Block V as a whole (AD 873–960); we divided VI into 3 samples: the 1st included 35 inner tree rings; the 2nd, 45 external tree rings; and the 3rd included tree rings from AD 879–958.

DATING ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES OF THE NOVGOROD REGION

Figure 1 shows locations of archaeological sites of the Novgorod region reported here. Of primary importance in studying ancient Novgorod are the complexes of Ryurikovo Gorodishche, the tradecraft and military-administrative center preceding Novgorod. Ryurikovo Gorodishche is the earliest fortified site at the source of the Volkhov River, dating to the 9th century AD (Nosov 1990). The excavation of a moat in 1987–1989 from a depth of 4.5 m from the ancient surface confirmed the presence of the fortification, in contrast to the opinion of some archeologists (Lebedev 1985). Archaeologically, the moat dates to the 9–10th centuries. Table 2 and Figures 4 and 5 show the ¹⁴C data sets and corresponding calendar ranges for 1 and 2 σ, respectively. Results obtained on charcoal samples from different levels date the moat to the 7th to the 10th centuries. The moat may have been built between the early 7th and 8th century (LE-3467, 3469). LE-3332 suggests occupation of the site to the Early Iron Age, which also concurs with the presence of pottery typical for this time. The moat was filled in at the time the city was replanned in the 11th century AD (Nosov 1990). A charcoal sample, LE-3333, from a lime-firing kiln, agrees well on stratigraphic, archaeologic and ¹⁴C grounds. Erected on the site of the filled-in moat, the kiln is strongly linked to the construction of Blagoveschenje Church in AD 1103 (Nosov 1990). One of the calibrated ranges subsumes this date.

The rich wood buildings with galleries discovered at Ryurikovo Gorodishche are associated with a later period. These buildings must have belonged to royalty (Nosov 1990), as their foundations were dug into the fill of a moat. Artifactual and ceramic assemblages date to the 12th–14th centuries. Three ¹⁴C dates (LE-4405, -4411, -3935) from the remains of logs and charcoal at the base of the complex date initial construction to the second half of the 13th century. Six samples (5 charcoal and 1 wood: LE-4406 to -4408a, -4412, -4414) date the destruction of the complexes by fire to the second half of the 15th century.

In the Novgorod area, 34 settlements with cultural layers from the end of the first millennium AD are known from the Ilmen Lake district (Poozerje) and from the upper Volkhov River. Samples from two of these sites, Vasiljevskoe-I and Georgii, on the Veryazha River, yielded two representative ¹⁴C data sets. According to the archaeological remains, Vasiljevskoe-I dates fall between the 9th and 10th centuries (Nosov 1990). The calibrated dates (LE-4157, -4388 to -4392 and -3327 to -3329) on charcoal determine the duration of occupation from AD 956–1000(1020) (Table 2, Fig. 5). Beads and Ladoga-type pottery found at the excavation confirm these dates. However, the possibility of earlier habitation cannot be ruled out (Table 2, Fig. 5).

The site of Gorodishche Georgii, situated 0.3 km upstream on the Veryazha River, was dated archaeologically to the 8th-9th centuries (Orlov and Aksenov 1961). Recent excavations (Nosov 1990)

established settlement during the 9th century. Samples LE-3460, and -3937 to -3943, date part of the settlement to ca. AD 925-999. Charcoal from Squares 2 and 3 yielded a calibrated range from the end of the 8th to the 9th centuries (LE-3461). Two calibrated dates on charcoal from fortified buildings (LE-3934, -3935) support this interval, but cannot exclude later occupation in the 9th-10th centuries. Archaeological evidence (Nosov 1990) corroborates the synchronic existence of Vasiljevskoe-I and Gorodishche Georgii, at least at one point (LE-3936), during the Early Iron Age.

Historically associated with ancient Novgorod is the famous site of northwest Russia, Staraya Ladoga (Zemlyanoe Gorodishche), which was first excavated in 1909 (Kirpichnikov 1985). Chernykh (1987) combined dendrochronological time scales of Staraya Ladoga with ancient Novgorod. We tree-ring dated two wood samples from Layer E3 (AD 760–830) (Chernykh 1985a). The sample without a tree-ring date was divided into two (1 of sapwood and 1 of heartwood). The calibrated range for samples LE-4158 and -4159 is the same as the dendrochronological period of Layer E3.

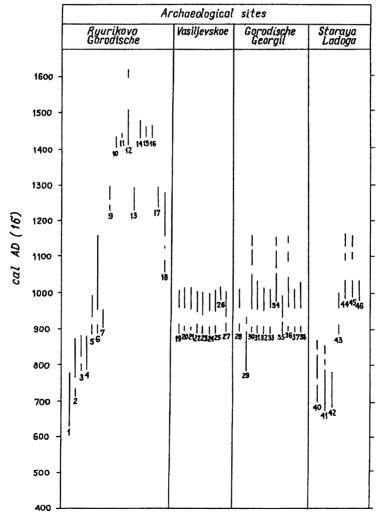


Fig. 4. Calibrated 14 C dates (1 σ) on charcoal and wood samples for the Novgorod region. Nos. 1–46 = sample numbers correlated with Table 2.

An oak sample containing 27 rings from a building erected in AD 776–811 (Chernykh 1989) yielded a calibrated ¹⁴C date (LE-4795) of AD 680–786, which lies within the dendrochronological range. ¹⁴C ages of planks and logs (LE-4416 to -4419) agree with archaeological ages, and date to the second half of the 10th century.

CONCLUSION

¹⁴C dating of archaeological sites of the Novgorod region is effective for time scales requiring highprecision dating. Shorter calendar intervals can be obtained only by serial dating and comparisons with results obtained using other dating methods. Archaeological sites of the Novgorod region of the end of the first millennium AD allow us to compare the ¹⁴C data with dendrochronological, archaeological and historical documentation. ¹⁴C dating of dendrochronologically dated tree rings demonstrated that uncertainties can result from converting ¹⁴C years to calendar years. We have

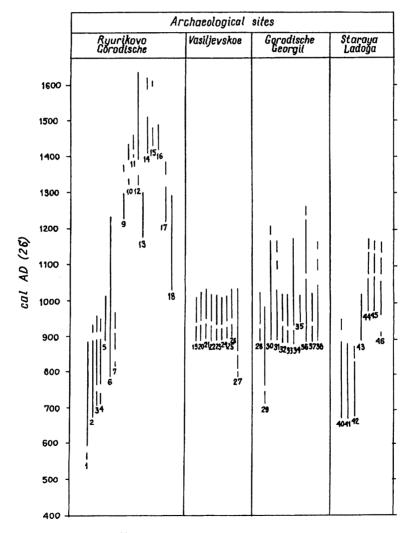


Fig. 5. Calibrated 14 C dates (2 σ) for the Novgorod region. For key, see Fig. 4.

found that at least 10-20 tree rings are needed to obtain reliable dates and to show close agreement between calibrated ¹⁴C ranges and tree-ring dates.

The ¹⁴C data set for archaeological sites of the Novgorod region and Staraya Ladoga is important for studying Slavic history. Staraya Ladoga was the oldest settlement, dating to the 7th–8th century AD; the lower layers of Ryurikovo Gorodishche are also associated with the same period. The sites of Vasilijevskoe-I and Georgii co-existed during the 9th–10th century AD. Future research for this area should link the history of northwestern Russia to the chronology of ancient Novgorod.

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TABLE 1. Radiocarbon Dates of Tree-Ring-Dated Wood

		Tree-ring ages	Uncalibrated 14C date	Calibrated range (van der Plicht 1993) (cal AD)	
No.	Lab no.	(AD)	(BP)	1 σ	2 σ
Latvi	ia – Ushuri, .	1964 Excava			
1	LE-4244	767	1386 ± 90	564–570,	454–480,
				596–726,	540–512,
				732–772	530-880
2	LE-4243	772	1205 ± 60	724–734,	690–902,
				772–892,	904–968
				922-941	
3	LE-4242	777	1297 ± 50	674–772	658–824,
					836-870
4	LE-4241	781	1253 ± 60	694–752,	662–892,
				758–820,	922-942
				838-866	
5	LE-4240	786–787	1217 ± 40	782–876	694–752,
					758–892,
					920-947
6	LE-3632	796–798	1235 ± 35	774–874	694–752,
					758–884
7	LE-4238	798–801	1226 ± 30	780–824,	714–742,
				836-872	766–886
8	LE-3633	804-808	1211 ± 40	786–878	706–748,
					762–849,
					916–957
9	LE-3635	818–828	1216 ± 35	786–828,	706–748,
				832-874	762–892,
					922-940
10	LE-3636	829–835	1175 ± 40	792–802,	780–968
				814–846,	
				853–892,	
				918-952	

Table 1. (Continued)

		Tree-ring ages	Uncalibrated 14C date		ange (van der 3) (cal AD)
No.	Lab no.	(AD)	(BP)	1 σ	2 σ
Latvi	ia – Araishiu	, 1965–1967	Excavation (Blo	ck II)	
11	LE-4225	835–855	1109 ± 55	890–988	792–802,
					814–848,
					852-1022
12	LE-4224	861–865	1182 ± 40	788–892,	776–968
				924-934	
13	LE-4223	866–872	1210 ± 60	718–738,	684–900,
				770–892,	906–966
				926-934	
14	LE-4222	872–876	1190 ± 60	780–892,	696–750,
				920-951	758–980
Ancie	ent Novgoro	d, Troitskii-Vi	III, 1987 Excava	tion	
	_	25-78 (Block			
15	LE-4571	878	1143 ± 55	824–836,	784–1006
			11.0 _ 00	872–984	701 1000
16	LE-4572	882–884	1084 ± 30	896–910,	902 024
10	LE-43/2	002-004	1064 ± 30	•	892–924,
17	LE-4573	888	1011 ± 70	963–1008 972–1058,	936–1016
1,	LL-4373	000	1011 ± 70	1078–1124,	890–1177, 1192–1206
				1134–1160	1192-1200
18	LE-4574	892–895	1022 ± 35	988–1030	900–906,
10	LL-43/4	072-075	1022 ± 33	700-1030	966–1050,
					1088–1118,
					1138–1158
19	LE-4576	901–902	899 ± 70	1040–1098,	1020–1138
17	LL-4370	701-702	099 ± 70	1112–1146	1020-1209
20	LE-4580	923-924	1104 ± 60	890–996	790–806,
20	EE 1300	J25 J24	1104 = 00	070-770	812–1026
21	LE-4581	930–935	1014 ± 50	978–1044,	894–912,
	22 .501	750 755	1011 = 50	1092–1116,	957–1164
				1142–1156	J37-110 4
22	LE-4582	936–937	919 ± 80	1032–1177,	1002-1275
		700 707)1) = 00	1190–1208	1002-1275
23	LE-4583	943-950	907 ± 70	1040–1200,	1016–1260,
			· - · ·	1110–1146,	1262–1268
				1152–1212	1202 1200
24	LE-4586	958-962	1028 ± 40	978–1032	894–916,
					956–1054,
					1082–1122,
					1136–1158
	TC-V111-2		(V)		1100 1100
25		•	·	070 1050	
25	LE-4589	913–916	1018 ± 60	970–1052,	

Table 1. (Continued)

		Tree-ring ages	Uncalibrated 14C date		inge (van der 3) (cal AD)
No.	Lab no.	(AD)	(BP)	1 σ	2 σ
				1086–1118,	892–922,
				1138–1158	936–1166
26	LE-4591	921–922	1046 ± 55	894–918,	886–1056,
				956–1034	1082–1122,
					1136–1160
27	LE-4592	925-927	1089 ± 40	894–918,	890–1016
				954–1008	
28	LE-4593	930–932	993 ± 60	996–1058,	898–910,
				1080–1122,	963–1210
				1134–1160	
29	LE-4594	935–937	922 ± 30	1042–1096,	1030–1177,
				1114–1144,	1192–1208
				1154–1164	
30	LE-4595	938–940	1045 ± 30	986–1018	900–908,
		0.4.		004 040	966–1030
31	LE-4596	942–945	1126 ± 40	892–968	818–840,
					858–1012
	TC-Y111-2	26-88 (Block	<i>V</i>)		
32	LE-4791	873-960	1143 ± 30	886–896,	820-840,
				912–963	860-986
	TC-Y111-2	27-130 (Block	k VI)		
33	LE-4793	879–913	1157 ± 30	878–898,	792–804,
33	LE-4/93	6/9-913	1137 ± 30	910–963	814–848,
				910-903	851–974
34	LE-4792	914–958	1116 ± 30	892–922,	886–991
54	LL-4/72	714-750	1110 = 50	941–976	000-771
35	LE-4794	879–958	1136 ± 40	886–902,	794–802,
55	EE 1751	077 750	1150 = 10	904–966	814–846,
				J01 J00	853–1002
	TC V111	00 50 (Dll-	T.77.7\		033 1002
		28-50 (Block	•		
36	LE-3627	971–976	1070 ± 30	970–1014	892–920,
		004 005	1000 . 15		946–1022
37	LE-3628	981–983	1092 ± 45	892–920,	884–1020
20	I D 0/00	000 000	1110 - 10	950–1008	076 1016
38	LE-3629	988–990	1113 ± 40	892–924,	876–1016
20	I E 2620	005 000	1045 : 20	936–980	000 000
39	LE-3620	995–999	1045 ± 30	986–1018	900–908,
					966–1030

TABLE 2. Radiocarbon Dates of the Novgorod Region and Staraya Ladoga

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				Uncalibrated	Calibrated date (van der Plicht 1993)			
No.	Lab no.	Provenience	Material	date (BP)	1 σ, cal AD/BC	2 σ, cal AD/BC		
Rur	Rurikovo Gorodishche 1987–1989 Excavation							
	Moat							
1	LE-3467	Sq. 237, depth 3.75 m	Charcoal	1340 ± 80	634–782	558–576,		
						594-884		
2	LE-3469	Sq. 238, depth 5.35 m	Charcoal	1240 ± 50	718–740,	672–892,		
					768–876	924–934		
3	LE-3468	Sq. 237, depth 4.2–4.6	Charcoal	1210 ± 40	786–878	708–748,		
		m				762–894,		
4	I E 2477	C- 105 - 4 1 4 2 7	<i>α</i> ,	1010 : 10	7 06.0 7 0	914–957		
4	LE-3477	Sq. 195, pit, depth 3.7–	Charcoal	1210 ± 40	786–878	708–748,		
		3.8 m				762–894,		
5	LE-3476	Sa 241 domth 2.56 m	Chanasal	1100 + 40	002 020	914–957		
3	LE-3470	Sq. 241, depth 3.56 m	Charcoal	1100 ± 40	892–920,	886–1014		
6	LE-3475	Sq. 233, pit, depth 2.18	Charcoal	1020 ± 100	946–998 890–920,	790–1230		
U	LL-3473	m	Cilaicoai	1020 ± 100	952–1160	790-1230		
7	LE-4404	Sq. 184, layers on moat	Charcoal	1160 ± 20	882–893,	821–839,		
		walls	Charcoar	1100 = 20	919–951	865–902,		
		***************************************)1)··)31	904–967		
	Cultural laye	or				J04-J07		
8	LE-3332	Sq. 201, high layer	Charcoal	2870 ± 40	1114–1094 вс,	1158-1148 вс,		
•	22 0002	oq. 201, mgn tayor	Charcoar	2070 2 40	1072–986 BC,	1126–916 BC		
					960–938 BC	1120-710 BC		
	"Northern"	complex			700-750 BC			
9	LE-4405	Sq. 165, base of fill: log	Wood	740 ± 40	1257–1296	1225–1304,		
-		on step	,,,,,,,	710 = 10	1237 1270	1362–1378		
10	LE-4406	Sq. 165, crude boards	Charcoal	530 ± 30	1406-1430	1322–1334,		
		•				1396–1440		
11	LE-4407	Sq. 164-171, base	Wood	465 ± 20	1443-1446	1422–1459		
12	LE-4408(a)	Posthole in NW	Charcoal	460 ± 75	1406–1508,	1318–1342,		
					1600-1618	1394–1638		
	"Southern"	complex						
13	LE-4411	Sq. 179, base	Wood	770 ± 50	1236-1287	1170-1300		
14	LE-4412	Sq. 185, base	Charcoal	440 ± 40	1434–1476	1414–1516,		
						1588-1624		
15	LE-4413	Sq. 175, black basal	Charcoal	430 ± 25	1442–1466	1434–1486,		
1.0	T F 4414	layer	~· .			1606–1610		
	LE-4414	Sq. 175, 182, base	Charcoal	450 ± 30	1434–1463	1420–1482		
17	LE-3935	Sq. 169–176, gray	Charcoal	740 ± 50	1242–1298	1216–1312,		
	7	humic layer				1350–1390		
10	Lime-firing k		<i>C</i> 1 1	0.50	1051 1000			
18	LE-3333	Fill of kiln; depth 2.14	Charcoal	850 ± 80	1056–1080,	1032–1287		
		m			1122–1134,			
	17-1:1.	I 1007 1000 F			1160–1277			
10		I, 1986–1989 Excavation	.	1000	004.04			
19	LE-4157	Hearth frame (excav.	Charcoal	1090 ± 30	896–914,	892–926,		
		1986)			959–1004	932–926		

TABLE 2. (Continued)

				Uncalibrated	Calibrated date (va	an der Plicht 1993)
No.	Lab no.	Provenience	Material	date (BP)	1 σ, cal AD/BC	2 σ, cal AD/BC
20	LE-4388	Sq. 31, 46	Charcoal	1060 ± 40	900–906,	892–926,
		• •			966-1020	932-1028
21	LE-4389	Sq. 41, 42, 51, 52	Charcoal	1060 ± 40	900–906,	892–926,
		•			966-1020	932-1028
22	LE-4390	Sq. 51, 54, top	Charcoal	1090 ± 40	892–918,	932–1028,
					954–1008	888-1014
23	LE-4391	Sq. 51, 54, bottom	Charcoal	1090 ± 35	894–916,	890–928,
					956–1006	930–1012
24	LE-4392	Sq. 55	Charcoal	1090 ± 25	896–912,	892–922,
					963–1000	936–1012
25	LE-3327	Sq. 55	Charcoal	1080 ± 40	894–914,	890–926,
			~ ·	1050 . 40	959–1012	930–1018
26	LE-3328	Sq. 63	Charcoal	1050 ± 30	984–1018	898–910,
07	T E 2200	0 50 61	Ch1	1000 + 55	902 022	963–1028
27	LE-3329	Sq. 56–61	Charcoal	1090 ± 55	892–922,	794–800,
					944–1010	816–844,
						854–1032
		Georgii, 1988 Excavation	~ ·	1070 . 10	000 040	002 026
28	LE-3460	Sq. 6, 7	Charcoal	1070 ± 40	898–910,	892–926,
20	I E 2461	00.0	<i>C</i> 11	1100 + 50	963–1016	932–1024
29	LE-3461	Sq. 2, 3	Charcoal	1190 ± 50	780–892,	712–744,
20	LE-3934	Transh Cas 711 danth	Charcoal	1020 ± 70	922–938 898–908,	764–976 886–1174,
30	LE-3934	Trench, Sec. ZH, depth 2.5–3.0 m	Charcoar	1020 ± 70	965–1054,	1194–1206
		2.5–3.0 III			1082–1122,	1194-1200
					1136–1158	
31	LE-3935	Trench, Sec. A-B, dark-	Charcoal	1050 ± 50	896–912,	886–1046,
31	LE-3933	gray charcoal layer	Charcoar	1030 ± 30	961–1028	1092–1116,
		gray charcoar rayer			701-1020	1142–1156
32	LE-3937	Construction in sq. 34,	Charcoal	1075 ± 40	896–912,	890–926,
-	LL 0,0,	37, basal charcoal layer	Onui Cour	10,0 2 .0	961–1014	930–1020
33	LE-3938	Clay-charcoal layer, sq.	Charcoal	1080 ± 30	898–908,	892–922,
		31, 34			965–1010	938–1018
34	LE-3939	Pit, sq. 13, 14, 18, 19,	Charcoal	1010 ± 60	976–1052,	892–922,
		top of fill			1084–1120,	940–1170
					1138–1158	
35	LE-3940	Pit, sq. 13, 14, 18, 19,	Charcoal	1100 ± 40	892–920,	886-1014
		bottom of fill			946-998	
36	LE-3941	Pit, sq. 39, 40	Charcoal	1030 ± 50	900–906,	892–924,
		-			966-1040,	936-1060,
					1098–1110,	1067–1124,
					1146-1152	1130-1160
37	LE-3942	Construction in sq. 24,	Charcoal	1080 ± 40	894–914,	890–926,
		25			959–1012	930–1018
38	LE-3943	Cultural layer in sq. 16	Charcoal	1050 ± 50	896–912,	886–1046,
					961–1028	1092–1116,
						1142-1156

TABLE 2. (Continued)

			Uncalibrated	Calibrated date (van der Plicht 1993)		
No.	Lab no.	Provenience	Material	date (BP)	1 σ, cal AD/BC	2 σ, cal AD/BC
39	LE-3936	Trench, Sec. D, depth 0.1–0.3 m	Charcoal	2350 ± 70	752–730 BC, 714–716 BC, 530–360 BC, 286–254 BC	762–672 BC, 666–628 BC, 596–576 BC, 558–342 BC, 324–200 BC
Sta	raya Lagoda ((Zemlyanoe Gorodishche)				
	Horizon E3					
40	LE-4158	Pillar, external tree rings	Wood	1250 ± 60	704–748, 760–826, 834–872	664–892, 920–945
41	LE-4159	Pillar, inner tree rings	Wood	1275 ± 55	672–792, 804–814, 848–850	666–880
42	LE-4795	Pillar of construction N3 (1982) (sample N105), brown humin (felling date: AD 776– 811)	Wood (oak)	1270 ± 40	680–786	672–826, 834–872
43	LE-4416	Remains of 3rd layer, sq. D 30	Wood	1085 ± 40	894–916, 956–1010	890–1016
44	LE-4417	2nd pavement, sq. D28– E28	Wood	1010 ± 40	988–1049, 1093–1112, 1144–1152	970–1064, 1074–1126 1132–1162
45	LE-4418	Top of pavement, sq. D28–E28	Wood	1010 ± 40	988–1049, 1093–1112, 1144–1152	970–1064, 1074–1126 1132–1162
46	LE-4419	Felling frame, sq. Z30	Wood	1020 ± 35	988–1032	902–904, 966–1052, 1086–1120, 1138–1158

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