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The Saxon Warrior
Whitehall Farm,
Nether Heyford,
Northamptonshire



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1 INTRODUCTION

The osteological analysis of G1 (2000) from Whitehall Farm, Nether Heyford follows standard accepted methodologies employed in studies of this nature, as described by Bass (1987) and Brothwell (1981). A record of all the bones present can be found in Appendix 11.1. Unfortunately the bones were of such a fragmentary nature that all but the most basic analysis was deemed impossible.

2 AGE

15 – 18 years

Due to the fragmentary nature of the surviving bone the analysis of age has been somewhat limited. The analysis of age has been based on bone maturation, in terms of linear growth (Ubelaker 1989 and White 1991), stages of epiphyseal union (Brothwell 1981 and White 1991) and the analysis of dental attrition (Bass 1987 and White 1991).

3 SEX

Male

Sex determination was similarly based upon various criteria, an average being accepted wherever possible. The most reliable criteria, based upon cranial and pelvic morphology and long-bone head dimensions, afforded greatest weight.

4 STATURE

Not Applicable

Due to the lack of complete long bones no estimation of stature could be made.

5 ROBUSTICITY

Not applicable

Not applicable due to the fragmentary nature of the evidence.

6 PLATYMERIA AND PLATYCNEMIA INDEX

Not applicable

Not applicable due to the fragmentary nature of the evidence.

7 CRANIAL MORPHOLOGY

Not applicable

Not applicable due to the fragmentary nature of the evidence.

8 POST CRANIAL MORPHOLOGY

Not applicable

Not applicable due to the fragmentary nature of the evidence.

9 PATHOLOGY AND DENTAL HEALTH

9.1 Pathology

There is no evidence of any pathology visible on the surviving bones.

9.2 Dental health

Unfortunately only part of the mandible and maxilla have survived. The surviving teeth indicate a relatively good state of dental health with very little calculus and one small cavity.

THE SAXON WARRIOR
WHITEHALL FARM, NETHER HEYFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

10 APPENDIX

10.1 Bone Catalogue

<i>G 1</i>	Left	Right	Unsided
<i>Sternum</i>	-	-	-
<i>Manubrium</i>	-	-	-
<i>Clavicle</i>	Fragmented	-	-
<i>Scapula</i>	Fragmented	Fragmented	-
<i>Ribs</i>	40+ fragments	35+ fragments	-
<i>Humerus</i>	Head only	Head only	-
<i>Radius</i>	Fragmented	Fragmented	-
<i>Ulna</i>	Fragmented	Fragmented	-
<i>Carpals</i>	2	-	-
<i>Metacarpals</i>	4 fragments	-	-
<i>Phalanges (hand)</i>	4 fragments	-	-
<i>Pelvis</i>	Fragmented	Fragmented	-
<i>Femur</i>	Head only	Head only	-
<i>Patella</i>	-	Very worn	-
<i>Tibia</i>	-	Distal end only	-
<i>Fibula</i>	-	Fragmented	-
<i>Tarsals</i>	2	7 (fragmented)	-
<i>Metatarsals</i>	4	4	-
<i>Phalanges (foot)</i>	6	-	-
<i>Skull</i>	Very fragmented	-	-
<i>Mandible</i>	-	-	Fragmented
<i>Cervical Vertebrae</i>	-	-	Fragmented
<i>Thoracic Vertebrae</i>	-	-	Fragmented
<i>Lumbar Vertebrae</i>	-	-	Fragmented
<i>Sacrum</i>	-	-	Fragmented

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