



Vanishing archaeology: discoveries on the Thames foreshore at Greenwich

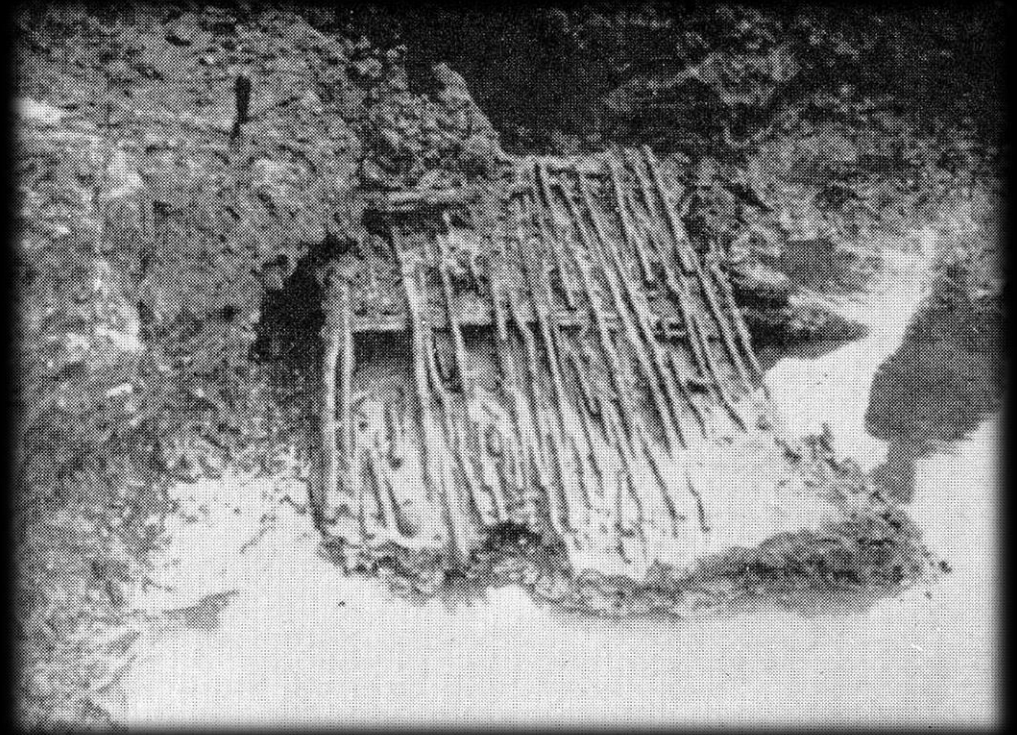
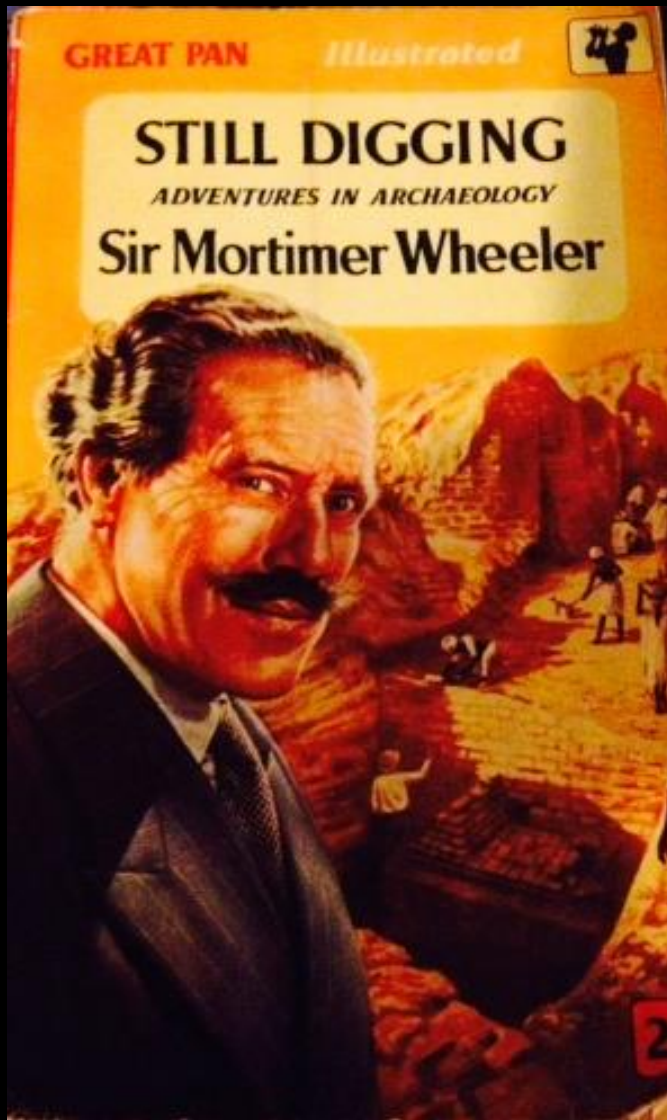


Nathalie
Cohen



During excavation in September 1665 for a dock in Blackwall, were found “perfect trees over-covered with earth. Nut trees, with the branches and the very nuts upon them.... Their shells black with age, and their kernell, upon opening, decayed, but their shell perfectly hard as ever”

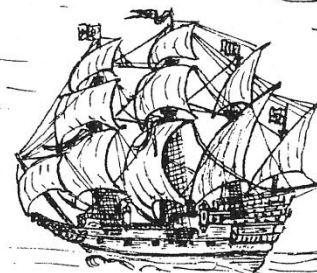




CANNON ST. BRIDGE. R.L.W.



River Thames



BRIDGE

LONDON

+ OTTERLY
CENTY

+ WATCH
DIAL
+ BEADS

+ BEADS
(SAXON)
+ TOKEN
(PS. UPPER DROMED)

+ COIN (FORGERY)
+ TOKEN
(W.M. DATE LANA)

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+ ROMAN
PAVEMENT

+ IRON AGE
POTTERY

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POTTERY

WINCHESTER WARF

PICKFORDS WARF

CLINK
WARF

CLINK

STREET



SOUTH



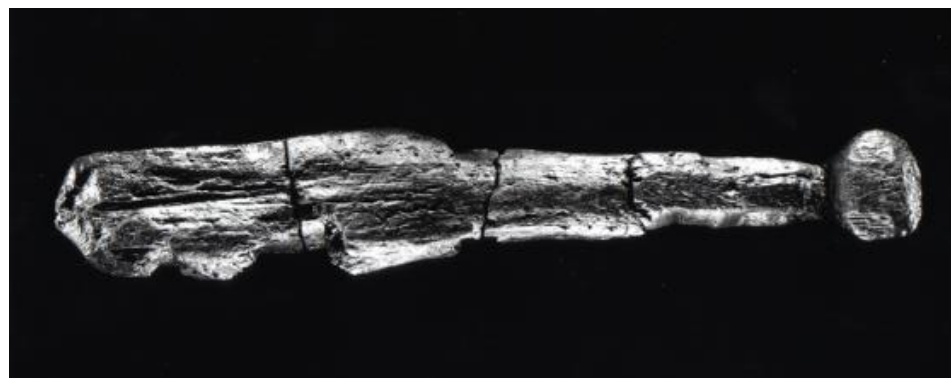
***'...the river cries out
not for private
collectors, but for
local museums who
can patrol their own
shores and so
preserve for the nation
the treasure that still
lies there'***

Ivor Noel-Hume

Thames archaeological survey

1993-1999





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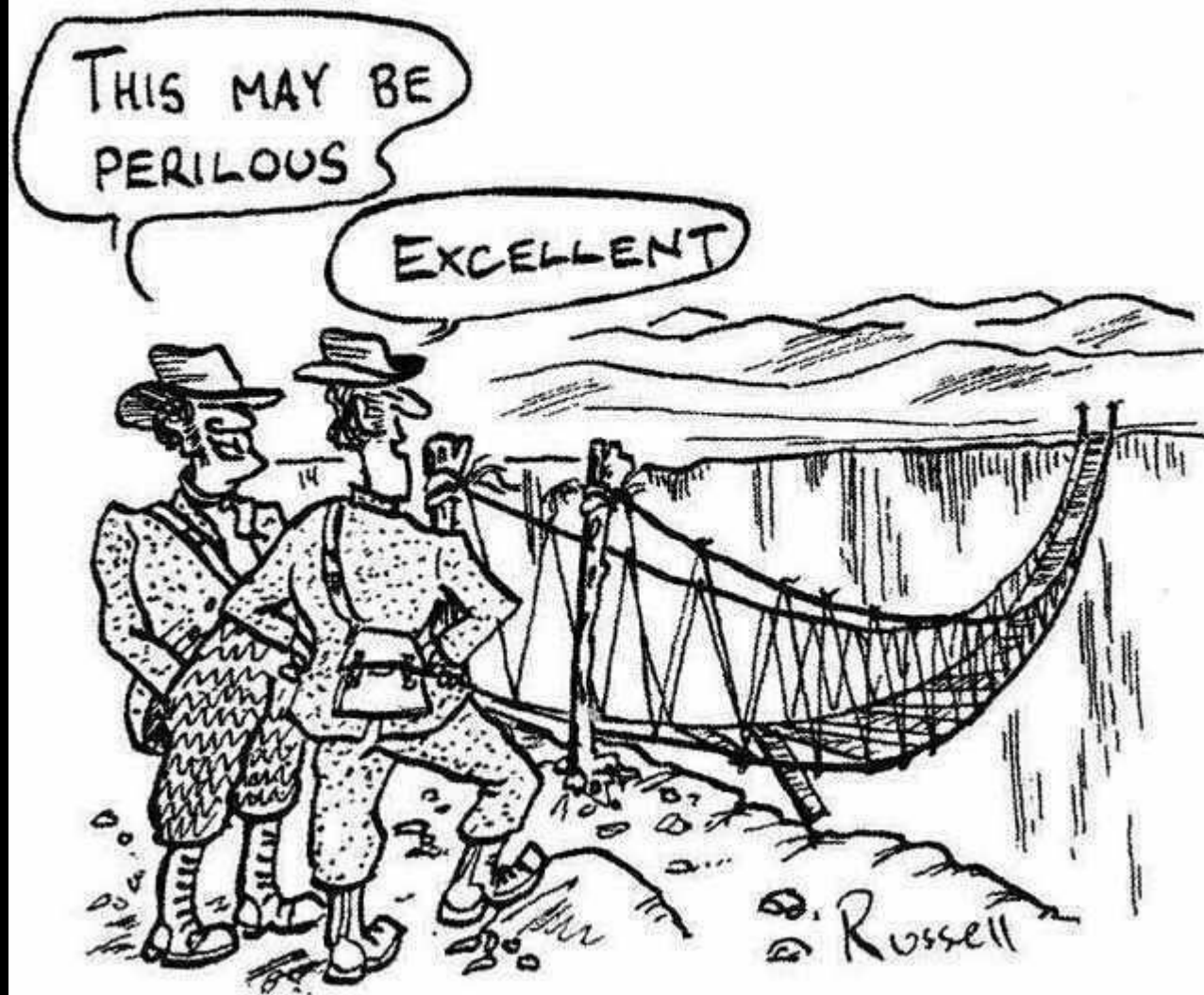
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Ask Boris

Tweeting About the Thames

Every month, the [Mayor of London](#) holds a question and answer session on Twitter, and every month since March 2013, we've been asking him a question: *Has the impact of increased river services on the fragile archaeology of the Thames foreshore been considered?* Today, in between questions about Crossrail, apprenticeships and his favourite McDonalds meal, FROG member Solange La Rose's tweet managed to get his attention. There was also amazing support from other FROG members and Twitter followers who retweeted the question, and further spread the word. To find out Boris's answer & the discussion that followed, read on....



Boris Johnson ✓

@MayorofLondon

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we always take account of archaeology - but
river traffic v low by historical comparisons
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Traffic





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Traffic

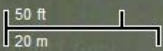






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Thames

archaeological
survey

The Mercury
GREENWICH BOROUGH Thursday, July 11, 1996 50p



AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE TUDOR JETTY ON THE RIVER BANK, GREENWICH BOROUGH, LONDON.

Shore blimey!

"Unique" Tudor jetty discovered on river bank.









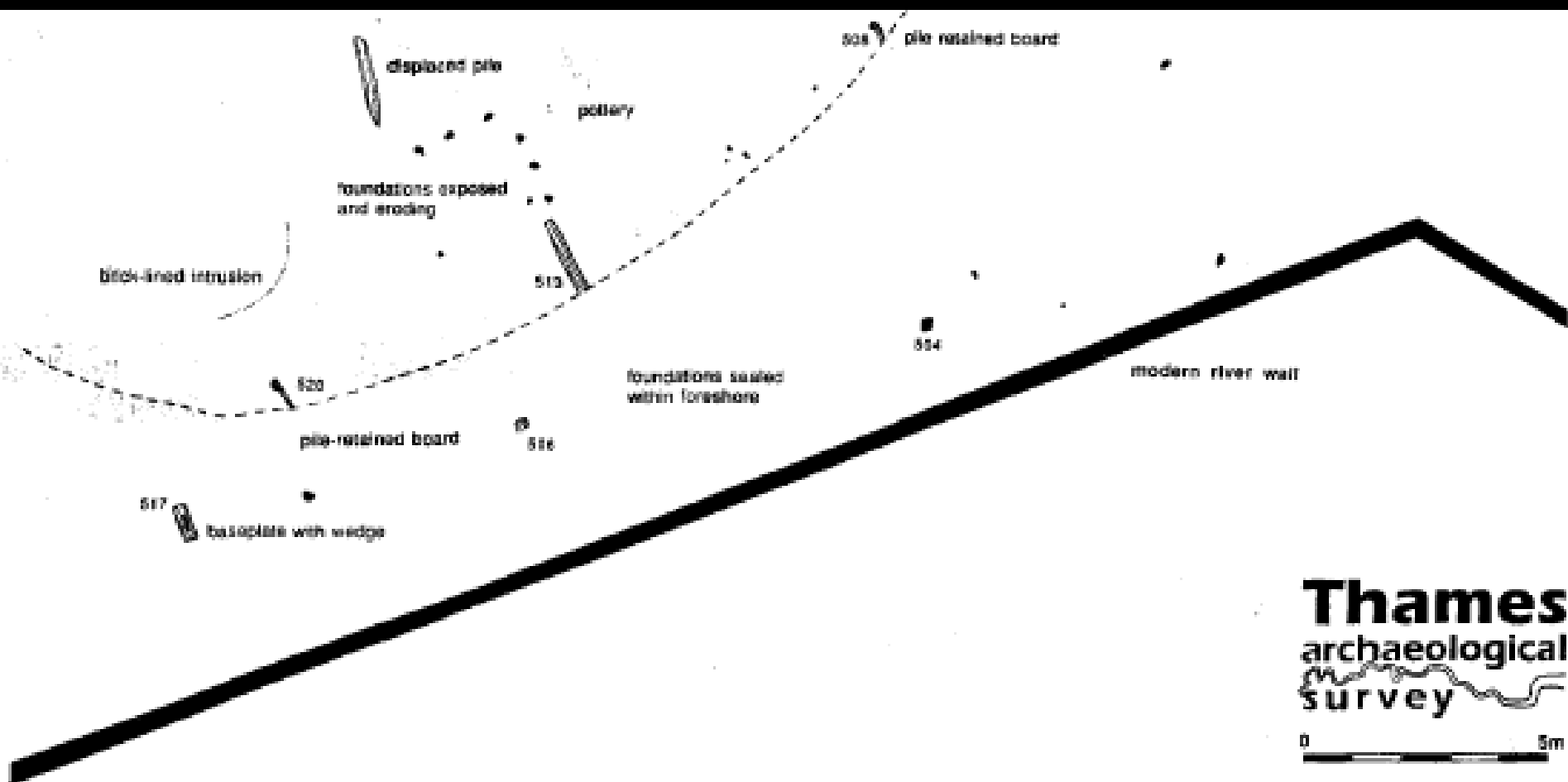


Fig. 4; plan of timber features exposed on the Greenwich foreshore (RGW04) at low tide shown in relation to the modern river wall. The river lies to the north, on the right of the drawing.
C Harrison, London Archaeological Research Facility

June 2009



June 2009





February 2010

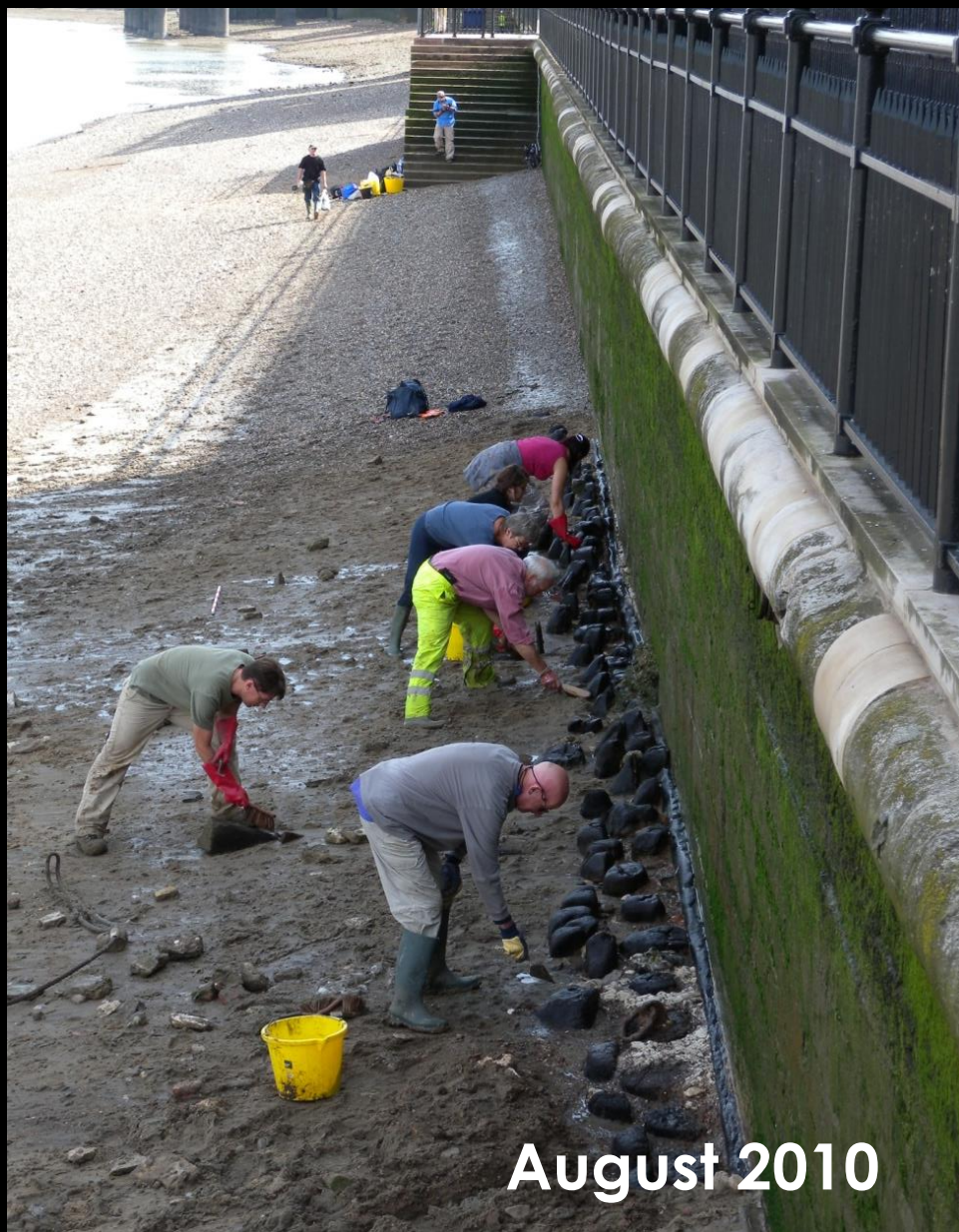


February 2010





May 2010







**14th August
2010**



15th August 2010



March 2011

May 2011





May 2011



April 2012



April 2013



February 2014



April 2014

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timbers below low tide

timber posts and baseplates

timber piles

brick foundation

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10m

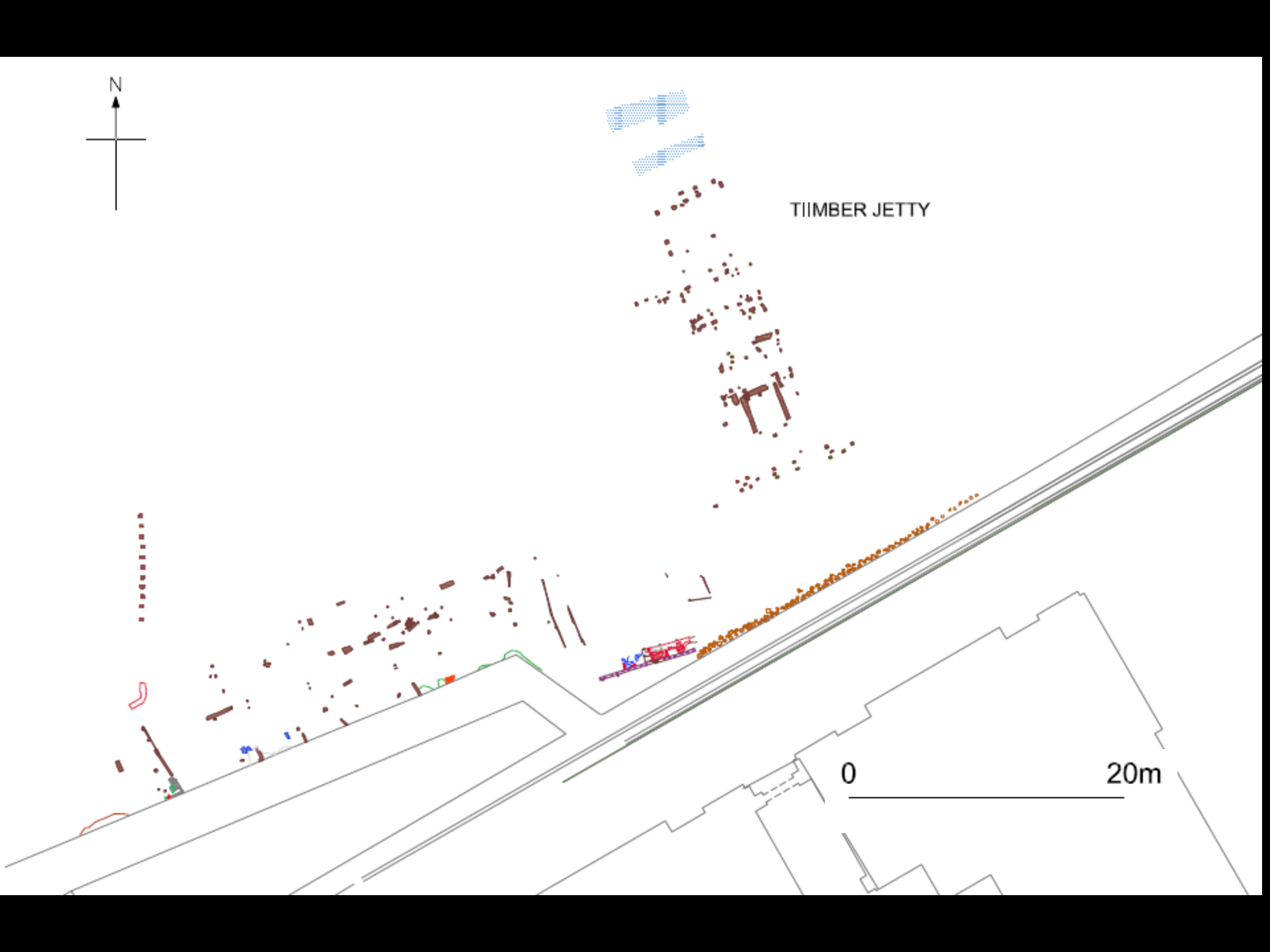


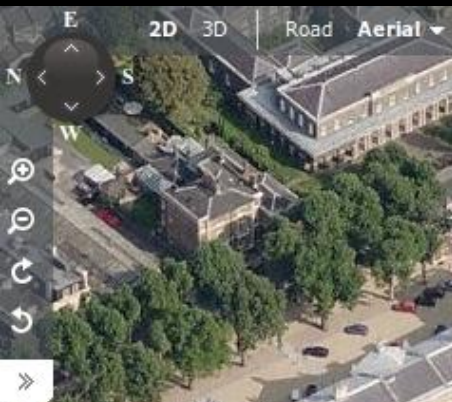


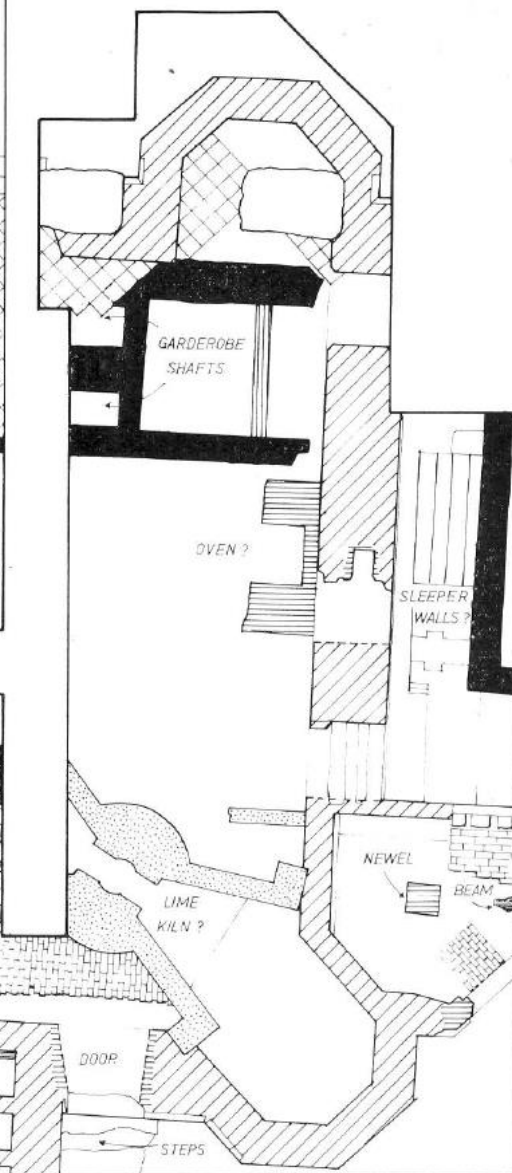
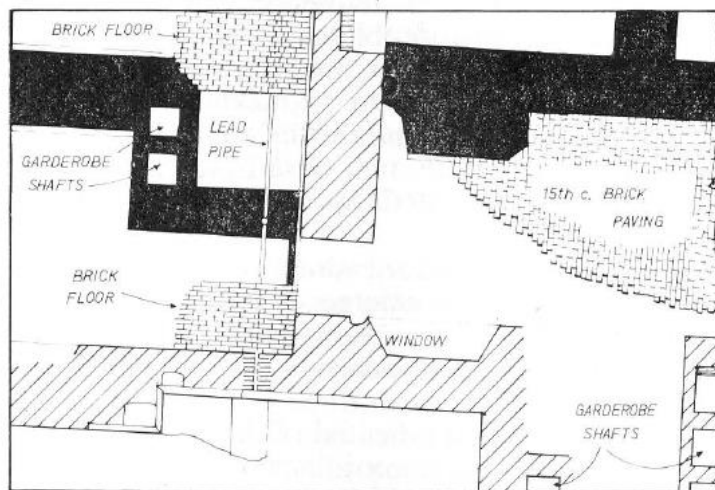
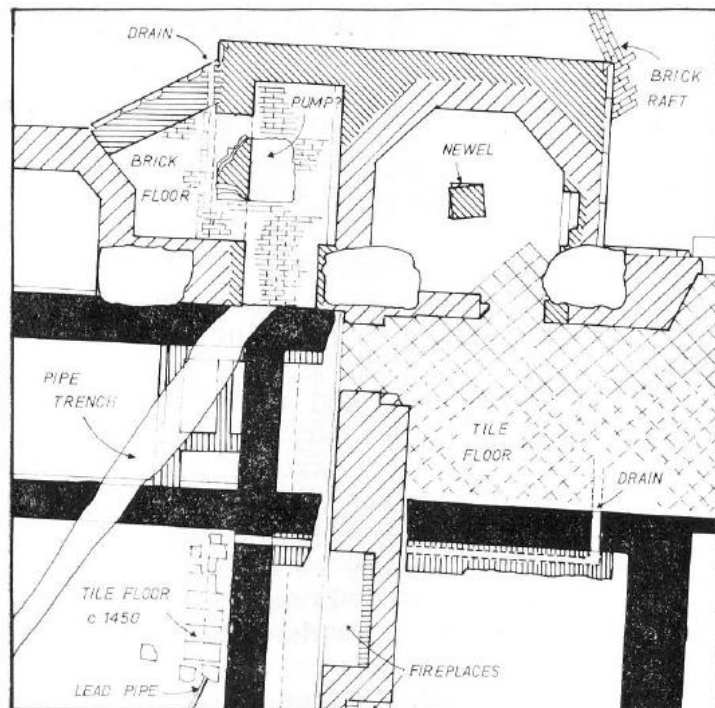
TIIMBER JETTY







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20m







-  c. 1430
-  c. 1450
-  c. 1500
-  c. 1520 ?
-  17th c.
-  c. 1690



PWD

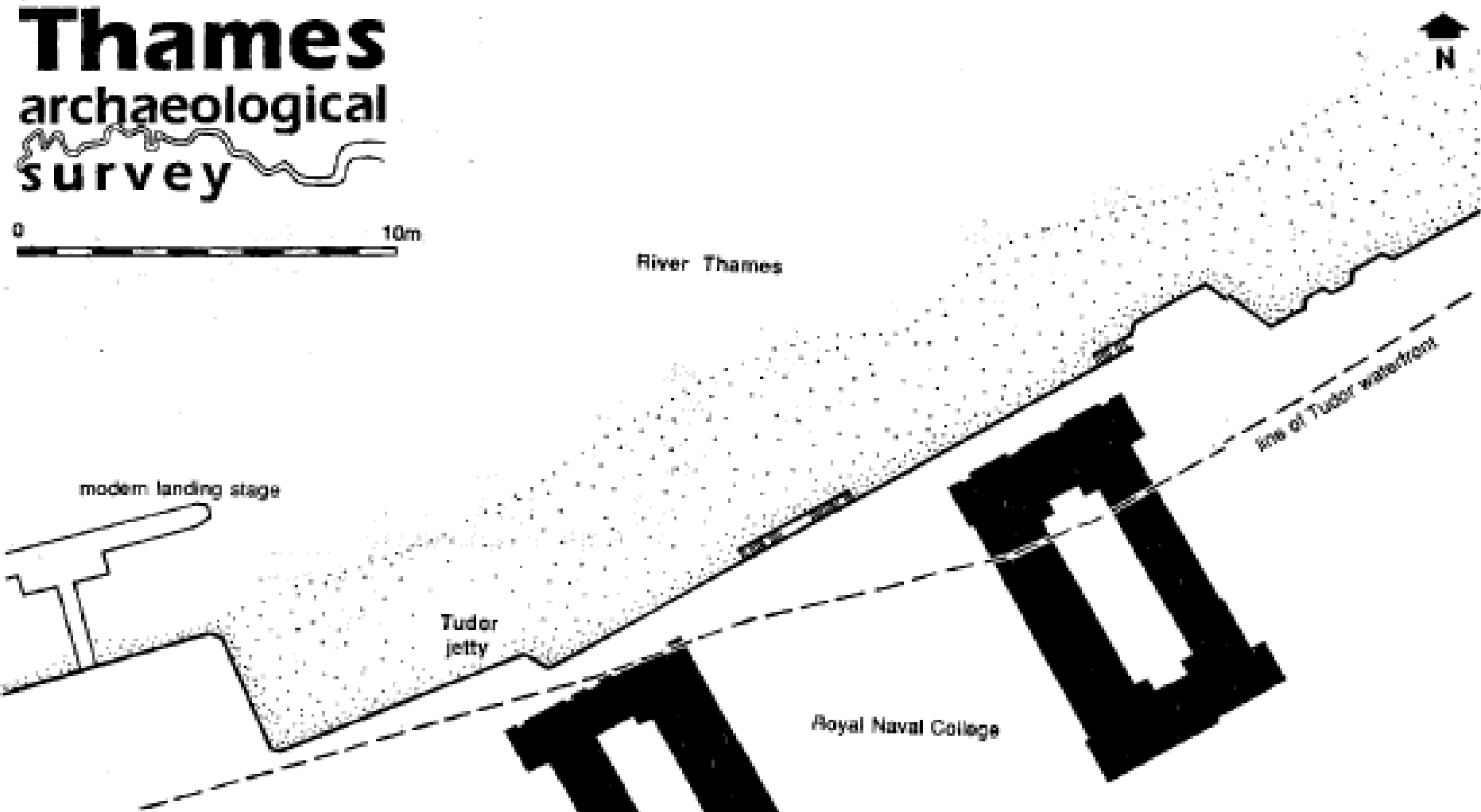


Plan of the 1970 excavation.



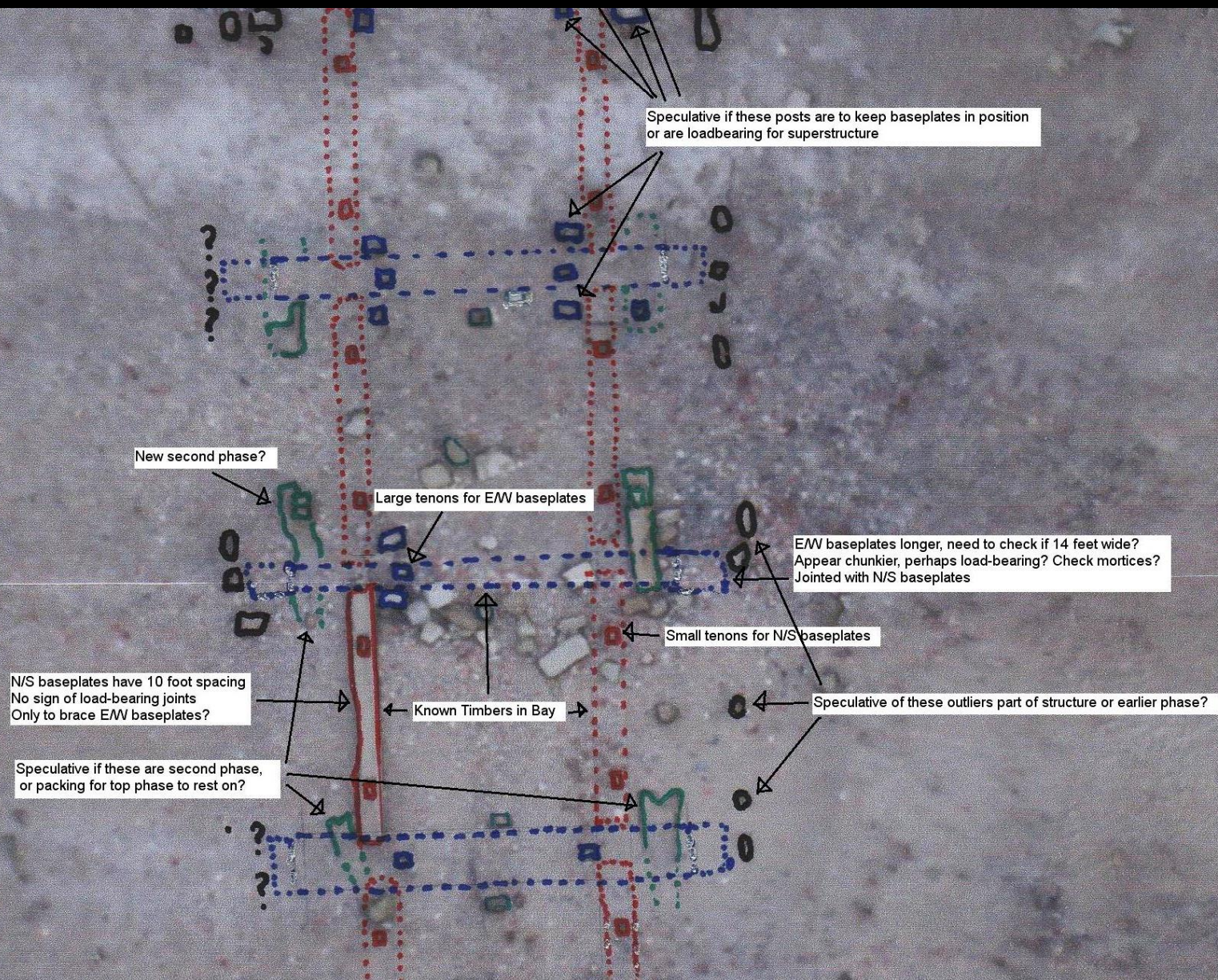
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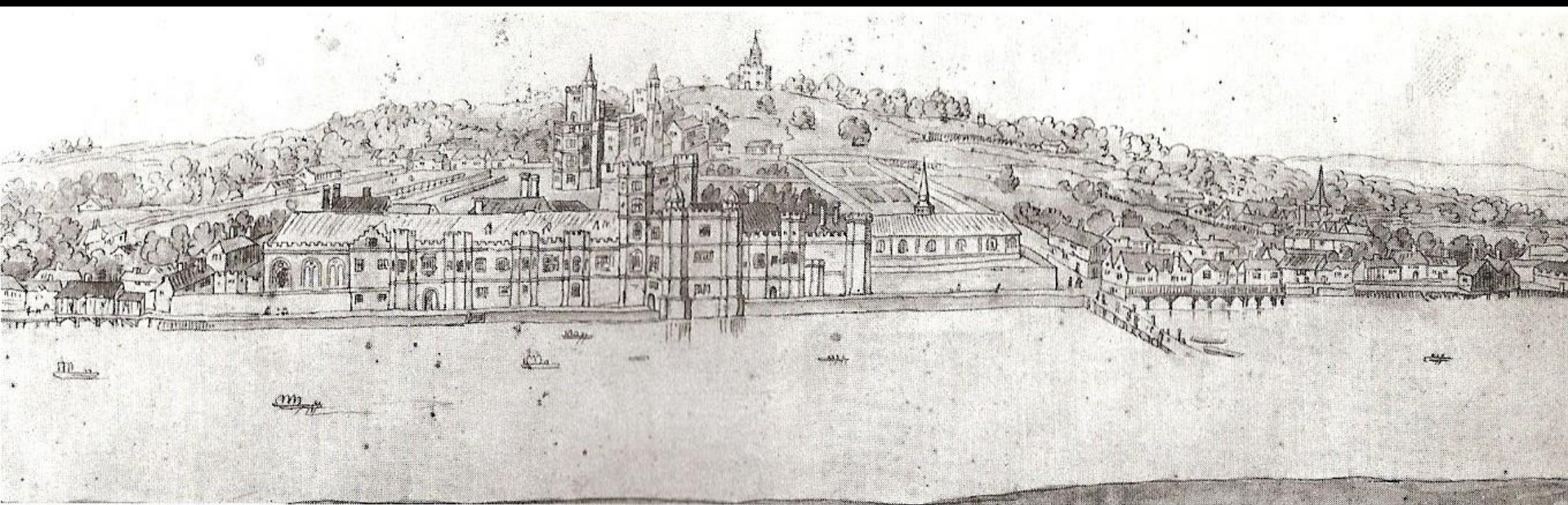








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Oil painting on canvas, detail of a View of the Thames with the Old Palace at Greenwich, British (English) School, early 17th century. An apparently unique, early view; it may be a copy of a lost painting by Cornelis Bol (active 1607-66), a topographical painter who was recorded in London 1635.
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Legend has it that Raleigh fell overboard off the coast of Virginia one day. He was seized by a crocodile, but the animal found the smell of smoke so repugnant that it released him! A series of pipes was produced bearing the likeness of this “hero.”



- Crocodile could also be a toothed whale
- Link to biblical Jonah story
- Raleigh's relationship with James I (famously anti-smoking) – the snake who 'swallowed Tudor power'
- serpent with a forked tongue
- Imprisoned in the Tower of London for 13 years by James, finally executed in 1618 – and smoked his last pipe there.
- Memorial to Raleigh by pipe makers?
- Peaked in popularity 1630s



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