

**SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION  
RADIOCARBON MEASUREMENTS VII\***

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INTRODUCTION

This list includes those samples dated between December 1968 and July 1971. Samples before SI-617 were completed before the laboratory was dismantled in April 1969 for renovations in the Smithsonian Institution Building. Samples beginning with SI-617 were dated after December 1970, following re-establishment of the laboratory in new quarters.

Two 700 ml counters and one 2 L counter are operated at 2 atmospheres, and a fourth counter of 2 L volume is being installed. In addition to a mercury shroud between guard and sample counter, the counter cavity is surrounded by 3 in. of paraffin, 5 tons of mercury (8 in), and 12 tons (8 in) of pre-1940 battleship armorplate.

Problems inherent in obtaining "dead" hydrogen for  $\text{CH}_4$  synthesis have been circumvented by distillation and electrolysis of water from a SE Maryland Pleistocene deposit. Re-investigation of the technique of removing radon from  $\text{CO}_2$  in cold charcoal traps indicated some fractionation, and radon removal is now accomplished by passing synthesized  $\text{CH}_4$  through charcoal traps held at  $-30^\circ\text{C}$ . Shell samples are pretreated in 2N HCl to remove outer portion, and  $\text{CO}_2$  is evolved using 50%  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ . Except where noted, all other samples are pretreated with hot 2% NaOH and 2N HCl.

Samples are counted for periods of at least 2500 minutes, and  $\text{X}^2$  analyses are made on the 100-minute print-outs. Errors quoted are derived from sample, background, and NBS oxalic acid standard measurements, and have been adjusted where appropriate for small-sample dilution.

SAMPLE DESCRIPTIONS

I. GEOLOGIC AND PALEONTOLOGIC SAMPLES

**Barrier island series, North Carolina**

Shell samples cored from several localities in coastal Carteret Co., North Carolina, in an attempt to define history of building and abandonment of the barrier islands. Coll. 1968 and subm. by J. W. Pierce, Smithsonian Inst.

**SI-578. HR-602-W**

**>35,500**

White shells from depth 9.8 m to 10.7 m below present surface at HR-602 ( $34^\circ 54' 03''$  N Lat,  $76^\circ 21' 38''$  W Long).

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**SI-579. HR-602-B** **32,640 ± 3290**  
**30,690 B.C.**

Discolored black shells from same sampling as SI-578, above.

**SI-580. H6-604** **>43,000**

Shells from depth 9.1 m to 10.6 m below present surface at H6-604 (34° 57' 02" N Lat, 76° 16' 50" W Long).

**SI-581. H7-605** **>37,000**

Shells from depth 11.3 m to 12.8 m below present surface at H7-605 (34° 42' 20" N Lat, 76° 34' 51" W Long).

#### **Contreras Islands series, Panama**

Coral from modern reef (7° 49' N Lat, 81° 46' W Long), in Contreras Is. off Pacific coast of Panama. Coll. 1970 and subm. by P. W. Glynn, Smithsonian Tropical Res. Inst., to determine rate of net coral accretion.

**SI-679. Modern coral reef, A** **210 ± 100**  
**A.D. 1740**

Coral conglomerate, 1 m deep in reef.

**SI-680. Modern coral reef, B** **280 ± 120**  
**A.D. 1670**

Coral conglomerate, 1 m deep in reef. *Comment:* SI-679 and SI-680 were from walls of hole blasted in reef with dynamite.

#### **Holandes Cay series, Panama**

Samples from modern coral reef and limestone substrate in Holandes Cay (9° 36' N Lat, 78° 41' W Long), off Atlantic coast of Panama. Coll. 1970 and subm. by P. W. Glynn.

**SI-681. Fossil limestone substrate** **2115 ± 125**  
**165 B.C.**

*Montastrea* and *Diploria* common, id. Glynn and Stewart, from limestone parapet of fossil-reef substrate under modern living reef.

**SI-682. Algal ridge, 4 cm** **+1.3% modern**

Crustose coralline algae, 4 cm deep in algal ridge.

**SI-683. Algal ridge, 12 cm** **<50**

Crustose coralline algae, 12 cm deep in algal ridge.

#### **Volcan Arenal series, Costa Rica**

Bark and wood of *Pithecellobium racemiflorum*, id. B. F. Kukachka, from trees felled in prehistoric eruption and ashfall of Volcan Arenal (10° 29' 12" N Lat, 84° 33' 21" W Long), Costa Rica. Coll. 1968 and subm. by W. G. Melson, Smithsonian Inst. (Melson and Saenz, 1968).

**SI-576. Tree 111216-1** **450 ± 30**  
**A.D. 1500**

**SI-577. Tree 111216-2** **400 ± 30**  
**A.D. 1550**

*Comment* (W.G.M.): low density of wood as indicated by thin-walled fibers suggests fast growth; therefore, possibility of post-sample growth error is considered minimal.

**Deep Creek Pit series, Virginia**

Samples from Deep Creek Pit (36° 46' N Lat, 76° 22' W Long), Norfolk Co., Virginia, near base of Pleistocene stream channel. Coll. 1968 by Paul Drez; subm. by C. E. Ray, Smithsonian Inst.

**SI-609. Mammoth tusk** **18,780 ± 630**  
**16,830 B.C.**

Fragments of tusk (*Mammot americanum*) id. C. E. Ray, 1.8 m to 2.4 m below surface at base of stream channel. *Comment*: pretreated with diluted CH<sub>3</sub>COOH before hydrolysis in HCl.

**SI-610. Wood** **>38,000**

Elm, id. F. M. Hueber, from position 0.3 m above tusk fragments of SI-609 (above), near base of stream channel. *Comment*: collector states SI-610 is more likely the true age. SI-609 may have received insufficient pretreatment in CH<sub>3</sub>COOH.

**SI-641. Saltville proboscidean, Virginia** **13,460 ± 420**  
**11,510 B.C.**

Tusk of proboscidean (prob. *Mammot americanum*), id. C. E. Ray, from Saltville site (36° 52' N Lat, 81° 46' W Long), Smyth Co., Virginia. Coll. 1964 by Gene Booth; subm. by C. E. Ray (Ray *et al.*, 1967). *Comment*: small sample, diluted. Sample pretreated in dilute CH<sub>3</sub>COOH before hydrolysis in HCl.

**SI-642. Starunia wooly rhinoceros** **23,235 ± 775**  
**21,285 B.C.**

Soft tissue of *Coelodonta antiquitatis* (Blumenbach), id. J. Stach, from 12.5 m below surface of Starunia Tar Pit (48° 42' N Lat, 24° 30' E Long), Ukraine, U.S.S.R. (formerly SE Poland). Coll. 1929 by E. Panow; subm. by C. E. Ray (Nowak *et al.*, 1930). *Comment*: sample fluxed 24 hrs in Soxhlet extractor with thiophene-free benzene, 12 hrs with ethyl alcohol, then washed 24 hrs in 2N HCl to obtain tar-free collagen fraction.

**Cave of Muleta series, Mallorca**

Bone and charcoal from Cave of Muleta (39° 47' N Lat, 2° 41' E Long), Soller, Mallorca. The cave yielded bones of *Myotragus balearicus*, id. W. H. Waldren, an extinct form of antelope, as well as evidence of human occupation of Pre-Talayotic and Talayotic periods. Coll. by W. H. Waldren and J. S. Kopper; subm. by C. E. Ray (Waldren and Kopper, 1968a, b).

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|   | <b>2180 ± 115</b>    |
| <b>SI-651A. Sectors C/D, 50 cm, bone</b>  | <b>230 B.C.</b>      |
| Bone of domesticated goat from 50 cm depth, Secs. C and D, assoc. with Pre-Talayotic archaeol. materials. Coll. 1963.   |                      |
|   | <b>1595 ± 100</b>    |
| <b>SI-651B. Sectors C/D, 50 cm, teeth</b>   | <b>A.D. 355</b>      |
| Teeth of domesticated goat, from same sampling as SI-651A (above).<br><i>Comment:</i> small sample, diluted.  |                      |
|   | <b>2765 ± 120</b>    |
| <b>SI-652. Sector III</b>   | <b>815 B.C.</b>      |
| Charcoal from Talayotic archaeol. horizon.  |                      |
|   | <b>15,855 ± 655</b>  |
| <b>SI-646. Sector D, 250 to 300 cm</b>  | <b>13,905 B.C.</b>   |
| Bone ( <i>Myotragus balearicus</i> ) 250 to 300 cm deep, Sec. D. Coll. 1966.<br><i>Comment:</i> small sample, diluted.  |                      |
|   | <b>23,880 ± 1480</b> |
| <b>SI-647. Sector E, 400 to 450 cm</b>  | <b>21,930 B.C.</b>   |
| Bone ( <i>Myotragus balearicus</i> ) 400 to 450 cm deep, Sec. E. Coll. 1966.<br><i>Comment:</i> small sample, diluted.  |                      |
|   | <b>18,100 ± 600</b>  |
| <b>SI-649. Sector F, 300 cm</b>   | <b>16,150 B.C.</b>   |
| Bone ( <i>Myotragus balearicus</i> ) 300 cm deep, Sec. F. Coll. 1966. <i>Comment:</i> small sample, diluted.  |                      |
|   | <b>16,335 ± 415</b>  |
| <b>SI-648. Sector X, 300 cm</b>   | <b>14,385 B.C.</b>   |
| Bone ( <i>Myotragus balearicus</i> ) 300 cm deep, Sec. X. Coll. 1967. <i>Comment:</i> small sample, diluted.  |                      |
|   | <b>18,735 ± 555</b>  |
| <b>SI-650. Sector X, 350 to 400 cm</b>  | <b>16,785 B.C.</b>   |
| Bone ( <i>Myotragus balearicus</i> ) 350 to 400 cm deep, Sec. X. Coll. 1967.<br><i>Comment:</i> small sample, diluted.  |                      |
|   | <b>14,465 ± 315</b>  |
| <b>SI-645. Sector Z, 350 cm</b>   | <b>12,515 B.C.</b>   |
| Bone ( <i>Myotragus balearicus</i> ) 350 cm deep, Sec. Z. Coll. 1966. <i>Comment:</i> small sample, diluted.  |                      |
| <i>General Comment:</i> SI-645 was pretreated by cold hydrolysis in 0.5N HCl under aspirator vacuum for 48 hrs to extract collagen as the datable fraction. Other samples of bone and teeth were pretreated following Haynes (written commun., 1968) by cold hydrolysis in 50% CH <sub>3</sub> COOH, with final CO <sub>2</sub> evolution in 1.0N HCl. For other dates from this cave, see: Y-2359, 2910 ± 120 (R., 1969, v. 11, p. 638); KN-640-3a, 7134 ± 80, Sec. O, 175 cm; KN-640-3b, 5934 ± 109, Sec. O, 150 cm (Waldren, written commun., 1971). See also age determinations by racemization of amino acids: RAA-SC-1, 34,000 yr, Sec. Z, 450 cm; and RAA-SC-2, 107,000 yr, Sec. Z, 650 cm (Waldren, written commun., 1971). |                      |

Difference between dates of SI-651A and SI-651B for Pre-Talayotic occupation, and earlier date of SI-652 for later Talayotic horizon does not engender confidence in the situation.

## II. ARCHAEOLOGIC SAMPLES

### A. United States

#### **SI-530. Rabbit Bone Cave, Wyoming** **1670 ± 100** **A.D. 280**

Charcoal from basin-shaped firepit lined with fire-reddened sandstone in Rabbit Bone Cave, 48PA202 (44° 30' N Lat, 109° W Long), Park Co., Wyoming. Assoc. with wide corner-notched projectile points, scrapers, knives, bone awl and beads, manos and metates, and many rabbit bones. Coll. 1964 by R. W. Edgar; subm. by R. W. Neuman, RBS, Smithsonian Inst.

#### **Nebraska culture series, Nebraska**

Charcoal samples from 11 sites representative of the Nebraska culture along W bank of Missouri R. Subm. by W. R. Wedel, Smithsonian Inst. (Cooper, 1939; Hill and Wedel, 1936; Hill and Cooper, 1938).

#### **SI-617. Leary site, house post** **620 ± 100** **A.D. 1330**

Charred fragments of house post from Leary site, 25RH1 (40° 01' N Lat, 95° 23' W Long), Richardson Co. Assoc. with Nebraska and Oneota components. Coll. 1965 by Wendell Frantz.

#### **SI-618. Leary site, Feature 14** **1170 ± 60** **A.D. 780**

Charred fragments of house post in Feature 14 of Leary site (see SI-617, above). *Comment:* see also WIS-151, 740 ± 55; and WIS-155, 540 ± 55 (R., 1967, v. 9, p. 534).

#### **SI-619. Majors site** **910 ± 140** **A.D. 1040**

Charcoal from Majors site, 25NH2 (40° 29' N Lat, 95° 46' W Long), Nemaha Co. Assoc. with shell-tempered, shoulder-incised ceramics as well as Nebraska culture artifacts. Coll. 1937 by Paul Cooper.

#### **SI-620. Cass site, Pit F-7** **540 ± 110** **A.D. 1410**

Charcoal from Pit F-7 in Cass site, 25CC96 (41° 01' N Lat, 96° 16' W Long), Cass Co. Coll. 1966 by Wendell Frantz.

#### **SI-621. Cass site, Feature 1** **615 ± 115** **A.D. 1335**

Charcoal from Feature 1 in earth lodge floor of Cass site (see SI-620, above).

- 550 ± 100**
- SI-622. Cornish Meadows site** **A.D. 1400**  
 Charred fragments of post in House 1 of Cornish Meadows site, 25SY2 (41° 02' N Lat, 96° 09' W Long), Sarpy Co. Coll. 1937 by Paul Cooper.
- 1040 ± 100**
- SI-623. Ashland site** **A.D. 910**  
 Charcoal from Cache 3 in House 1 of Ashland site, 25CC1 (41° 03' N Lat, 96° 18' W Long), Cass Co. Coll. 1937 by Paul Cooper.
- 735 ± 115**
- SI-624. Farnsworth site, House 1** **A.D. 1215**  
 Charcoal from Cache 1 in House 1 of Farnsworth site, 25SY1 (41° 12' N Lat, 96° 17' W Long), Sarpy Co. Coll. 1935 by Paul Cooper.
- 610 ± 140**
- SI-625. Farnsworth site, House 2** **A.D. 1340**  
 Charcoal from floor of House 2 of Farnsworth site (see SI-624, above). Coll. 1935 by Paul Cooper.
- 360 ± 50**
- SI-626. Frank Parker site, House 1** **A.D. 1590**  
 Charcoal from entrance to House 1 of Frank Parker site, 25WN1 (41° 23' N Lat, 95° 56' W Long), Washington Co. Coll. 1938 by Paul Cooper.
- 515 ± 115**
- SI-627. Frank Parker site, House 2** **A.D. 1435**  
 Charcoal from Cache 3 of House 2 of Frank Parker site (see SI-626, above). Coll. 1938 by Paul Cooper.
- 555 ± 65**
- SI-628. Parker site, House 1** **A.D. 1395**  
 Charcoal from floor of House 1 of Parker site, 25D02 (41° 44' N Lat, 96° 30' W Long), Douglas Co. Coll. 1938 by Paul Cooper.
- 775 ± 175**
- SI-629. Parker site, House 4** **A.D. 1175**  
 Charcoal from floor of House 4 of Parker site (see SI-628, above). Coll. 1938 by Paul Cooper.
- 290 ± 120**
- SI-630. Parker site, midden** **A.D. 1660**  
 Charcoal from Midden 3 of Parker site (see SI-628, above). Coll. 1938 by Paul Cooper.
- 850 ± 140**
- SI-631. Houston site, House 1** **A.D. 1100**  
 Charcoal from Cache 2 in House 1 of Houston site, 25BT1 (41° 50' N Lat, 96° 18' W Long), Burt Co. Coll. 1938 by Paul Cooper.

- 680 ± 140**
- SI-632. Houston site, House 2** **A.D. 1270**  
 Charcoal from floor of House 2 of Houston site (see SI-631, above).  
 Coll. 1938 by Paul Cooper.
- 720 ± 140**
- SI-633. Ross site, House 1** **A.D. 1230**  
 Charcoal from floor of House 1 in Ross site, 25TS2 (42° 12' N Lat,  
 96° 24' W Long), Thurston Co. Coll. 1938 by Paul Cooper.
- 750 ± 120**
- SI-634. Ross site, House 2** **A.D. 1200**  
 Charcoal from floor of House 2 of Ross site (see SI-633, above).  
 Coll. 1938 by Paul Cooper.
- 585 ± 115**
- SI-635. Ross site, House 3** **A.D. 1365**  
 Charcoal from Cache 6 of House 3 of Ross site (see SI-633, above).  
 Coll. 1938 by Paul Cooper.
- 535 ± 115**
- SI-636. Schrader site** **A.D. 1415**  
 Charcoal from floor of House 1 of Schrader site, 25LC1 (40° 40'  
 N Lat, 96° 41' W Long), Lancaster Co. Assoc. with artifacts suggestive  
 of Nebraska culture influenced by Upper Republican component. Coll.  
 1935 by Paul Cooper.

*B. Peru*

- 2600 ± 110**
- SI-485. El Tanque, Peru** **650 B.C.**  
 Cotton threads from burial offering at El Tanque (11° 55' S Lat,  
 77° 10' W Long), Ancón, Peru. Assoc. with bichrome ceramics of type  
 unusual on Peruvian central coast. Coll. 1961 by R. M. Mendieta; subm.  
 by Clifford Evans, Smithsonian Inst. *Comment:* for primary occupation  
 of this area, see UCLA-967, 4720 ± 80 (R., 1966, v. 8, p. 476).
- 3570 ± 80**
- SI-486. Ondores, Peru** **1620 B.C.**  
 Charcoal from Ondores (11° S Lat, 76° 11' W Long), Junin, Peru.  
 This is a large site, occupied from Pre-ceramic through Formative  
 periods. Sample from Pit 2, Level F, in black earth with ashes and shell.  
 Assoc. with incised ceramics of possible Kotosh-Sajara-Pata affiliations.  
 Coll. 1965 by R. M. Mendieta; subm. by Clifford Evans.
- 3820 ± 60**
- SI-487. San Blas, Peru** **1870 B.C.**  
 Charcoal from San Blas (11° S Lat, 76° 11' W Long), Junin, Peru.  
 From Pit 1, Level L, assoc. with chipped stone artifacts and plainware  
 ceramics. Coll. 1965 by R. M. Mendieta; subm. by Clifford Evans.

**SI-488. Wari-Wilka, Peru** **1690 ± 50**  
**A.D. 260**

Wood from temple at Wari-Wilka (12° 12' S Lat, 75° 10' W Long), Junin, Peru. Site occupied during Regional Florescent period; temple constructed during Tiahuanaco expansion, and used through Wanca and Inca periods until Spanish conquest. Sample probably represents re-modelling of temple, and is part of 3 rotting trusses of central lintel. Coll. 1965 by R. M. Mendieta; subm. by Clifford Evans.

*C. Brazil*

**SI-541. Beliscão, Brazil** **590 ± 50**  
**A.D. 1360**

Charcoal from Cut A, Level 45 to 55, 50 cm below surface at Beliscão, BA-LN-12 (12° 04' S Lat, 37° 44' W Long), Dist. Palame, Mun. Rio Real, Bahia, Brazil. Sample assoc. with ceramics and lithic artifacts of Aratu phase. Coll. 1966 by Valentin Calderon; subm. by Clifford Evans.

**SI-542. Guipe, Brazil** **1080 ± 90**  
**A.D. 870**

Charcoal from Cut A, Level 45 to 60, 45 cm below surface at Guipe, BA-LN-13 (12° 47' S Lat, 38° 27' W Long), Mun. Aratu, Bahia, Brazil. Assoc. with ceramics and lithic artifacts of Aratu phase. Coll. 1966 by Valentin Calderon; subm. by Clifford Evans.

**Gruta do Padre series, Brazil**

Charcoal from Gruta do Padre, PE-16 (9° 05' S Lat, 38° 19' W Long), Petrolândia, Pernambuco, Brazil. Assoc. with lithic artifacts. Coll. 1967 by Valentin Calderon; subm. by Clifford Evans.

**SI-637. Quadrant B, 0 to 30 cm** **2720 ± 110**  
**770 B.C.**

Charcoal assoc. with cremated burials, fragments of matting, polished grooved ax, and a few plain potsherds. A sterile windblown layer appears below this level, separating it from other levels below (see SI-544, below).

**SI-544. Quadrant A, 90 cm** **7580 ± 410**  
**5630 B.C.**

*Comment:* small sample, diluted.

**Sambaqui Pôrto Maurico series, Brazil**

Sambaqui Pôrto Maurico is a preceramic shell midden on the coast of Brazil (30° 26' S Lat, 49° 30' W Long), 5 km from Bay of Paranguá, Paraná, Brazil. Samples were dated to determine rate of deposition of shells as indicative of food supply. Coll. 1966 by J. W. Rauth; subm. by Clifford Evans.



**SI-504. .25 m** **4640 ± 80**  
**2690 B.C.**  
*Anomalocardia brasiliana* Gmelin, assoc. with bones and lithic artifacts, .25 m below surface.

**SI-505. .50 m** **4620 ± 100**  
**2670 B.C.**  
 Oyster shells from .5 m below surface.

**SI-506. 1 m** **4740 ± 90**  
**2790 B.C.**  
 Oyster shells from 1 m below surface.

**SI-507. 1.5 m** **4540 ± 90**  
**2590 B.C.**  
 Oyster shells from 1.5 m below surface.

**SI-508. 2 m** **4760 ± 80**  
**2810 B.C.**  
 Oyster shells near base of sandy clay deposit, 2.0 m below surface.

**SI-509. 1 m** **6030 ± 130**  
**4080 B.C.**  
*Ostrea arborea*, 1 m below surface. No artifacts assoc. with sample. This would appear to date a brief early occupation when *Ostrea arborea* was the only species exploited.

*General Comment:* this site is 10 to 15 km S of shell mounds of Saquarema and Gomes, and similarity of artifact content of this site to Gomes suggests similar date of occupation. See Sambaqui de Saquarema (R., 1965, v. 7, p. 198); and Sambaqui do Gomes (R., 1963, v. 5, p. 97 and R., 1969, v. 11, p. 159-160).

#### **Rio Krauel series, Brazil**

Charcoal samples from Rio Krauel, SC-VI-10 (27° 03' S Lat, 49° 38' W Long), Santa Catarina, Brazil. Coll. 1966 by W. F. Piazza; subm. by Clifford Evans.

**SI-536. Rio Krauel, Cut 2** **290 ± 80**  
**A.D. 1660**  
 Charcoal, .1 to .15 m below surface, assoc. with lithic artifacts.

**SI-537. Rio Krauel, Cut 4** **660 ± 80**  
**A.D. 1290**  
 Charcoal, .15 to .2 m below surface, assoc. with lithic artifacts.

#### **Mondai phase series, Brazil**

Charcoal from 4 sites, all representative of the Mondai phase, a corrugated subtradition of the Tupiguarani ceramic complex. Coll. 1967 in Santa Catarina by W. F. Piazza; subm. by Clifford Evans.

- 250 ± 90**
- SI-546. Passo do Uruguai** **A.D. 1700**  
 Charcoal from Cut 1, .2 to .3 m below surface at Passo do Uruguai,  
 SC-U-54 (27° 05' S Lat, 53° 02' W Long). *Comment:* small sample,  
 diluted.

- 510 ± 70**
- SI-547. Barra Grande, Cut 1** **A.D. 1440**  
 Charcoal from Cut 1, .2 to .3 m below surface at Barra Grande,  
 SC-U-55 (27° 07' S Lat, 53° 05' W Long). *Comment:* small sample,  
 diluted.

- 620 ± 80**
- SI-550. Barra Grande, Cut 2** **A.D. 1330**  
 Charcoal from Cut 2, .2 to .3 m below surface at Barra Grande  
 (see SI-547, above).

- 490 ± 70**
- SI-548. Sao Carlos** **A.D. 1460**  
 Charcoal from Cut 1, .2 to .3 m below surface at Sao Carlosm  
 SC-VX-5 (27° 06' N Lat, 53° 01' W Long). *Comment:* small sample,  
 diluted.

- 1070 ± 100**
- SI-549. Barra Escondida I** **A.D. 880**  
 Charcoal from Cut 1, .1 to .25 m below surface at Barra Escondida  
 I, SC-U-69 (27° 08' S Lat, 53° 26' W Long).

#### *D. Argentina*

#### **Salto Grande series, Argentina**

Shell samples from 2 adjacent sites (31° 13' S Lat, 57° 15' W Long),  
 Grande, Entre Rios, Argentina. The sites are shell mounds with Salto  
 Grande (Serrano terminology) ceramics on surface, but these samples  
 are assoc. with a non-decorated Pre-Guarani ceramic style. Coll. 1967  
 by E. M. Cigliano; subm. by Clifford Evans.

- 770 ± 70**
- SI-555. Cerro Chico** **A.D. 1180**  
*Felipponea iheringi* (Pilsbry), 40 to 50 cm below surface of shell  
 midden 80 cm deep.

- 1090 ± 40**
- SI-556. Los Sauces** **A.D. 860**  
*Felipponea iheringi* (Pilsbry), 40 to 45 cm below surface of shell  
 midden 250 m S of Cerro Chico (see SI-555, above).

- SI-557. Modern shell** **+4.3% modern**  
*Asolene megastoma* subm. as modern control for this area. While

modern examples of *Felipponea* are no longer found in Argentina, *A. megastoma* was found in the middens. *Comment*: no problem of contamination by older dissolved carbonates.

*E. Far East*

**I.C.U. series, Japan**

Charcoal samples from various locations in the Internatl. Christian Univ. (I.C.U.) site (35° 41' N Lat, 139° 32' E Long), Mitaka, Tokyo, Japan. Samples attributed to Middle Jomon period. Coll. 1967 by J. E. Kidder; subm. by Clifford Evans.

**SI-551. Early Middle Jomon, I.C.U. 4960 ± 100  
3010 B.C.**

Charcoal from Loc. 19, Pat 2; from bottom of pit, covered by layer of black humus to depth of 20 cm, and overlain with stones. Assoc. with Atamadi ceramics of Early Middle Jomon period. *Comment*: small sample, diluted.

**SI-552. Late Middle Jomon, I.C.U. 4310 ± 120  
2360 B.C.**

Charcoal from Loc. 28C, Pit 2, from pit in floor of pit-house, directly under stone pile. Assoc. with shell-scraped pottery (Nojima type) and small amounts of Middle Jomon pottery. *Comment*: small sample, diluted.

*General Comments*: for other Middle Jomon dates from this site, see UCLA-279, 4570 ± 150 (R., 1964, v. 6, p. 337), and SI-125, 5090 ± 65 (R., 1965, v. 7, p. 253). (C.E.K.): both dates may be accepted as valid for Middle Jomon, but time difference seems too great for I.C.U. site; unexplainable at present.

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