Prehistoric Antiquities from France in West Midlands Museums

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Introduction

The following article is a result of a survey of archaeological collections in West Midlands museums carried out by the West Midlands Archaeological Collections Research Unit. All museums in the counties of Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, West Midlands and Worcestershire were included in the survey but not private collections. One of the aims of the project was to increase awareness of the collections, especially material of non-local origin.

Seven West Midlands museums have prehistoric material from France and this is presented below in the form of an abbreviated catalogue. It is arranged in numerical order of Département and within that by site. Many do not have a provenance more precise than the name of a town or village and just over seventy are reputedly from France but with no known provenance beyond that. Where further details of discovery are known these are given though it has to be admitted that resources have not permitted extensive trawls through documentation and literature. The lack of good provenances is in large part due to the fact that most of the pieces originate from antiquarian collections built up during the nineteenth and the early part of the twentieth centuries and subsequently dispersed. Very often, little is known of these early collectors.

The following abbreviations have been used when citing museum accession numbers:
Bir = Birmingham City Museums and Art Gallery
Her = Hereford City Museum and Art Gallery
Lap = Birmingham University, School of Earth Sciences, Lapworth Museum
Nun = Nuneaton Museum and Art Gallery
Stk = Stoke-on-Trent City Museum and Art Gallery
War = Warwickshire Museum
Wos = Worcester City Museum Service

02 Aisne, Soissons
1 Neolithic black stone axe, polished all over. Pointed butt, rounded blade, carinated edges. Lentoid section. L 90, W 37, Th 19 mm. (Bir 1968A1121)

06 Alpes-Maritimes, Antibes
2 Bronze flanged axe. Watson 1993, no. 145 (Bir 1968A1242)
Bronze end-winged axe. Watson 1993, no. 161 (Bir 1968A1259)

06 Alpes-Maritimes, Grottes de Menton
3 Ten tools labelled “Grottes de Menton Italie” followed by a monogram composed of a backward capital E joined to a capital R (for Émile Rivière who excavated here in the 1870s?), Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2422)

06 Alpes-Maritimes, Menton
4 Sixteen tools and flakes, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2423)
5 Small curved point, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2424)

09 Ariège, Massat
6-7 Fragments of worked bone and a point, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2158-2159)
09 Ariège, Niaux Cave
8 Grindstone. 230 x 185 x 75 mm. (Bir 1968A1974)

09 Ariège, La Vache, Grotte d’Alliat
9-20 Twelve flakes and blades, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2426.1-12)
21-26 Several fragments of bone, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2244-2249)

09 Ariège, La Vache
27-33 Over 100 flint tools and flakes, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2409-2415)
34-60 Seventeen Neolithic sherds (Bir 1968A1275-1291)

11 Aude, Narbonne
61 Bronze centre-winged axe. Watson 1993, no. 159 (Bir 1968A1257)

14 Calvados, Caen
62 Neolithic axe in greenish flecked stone; smoothed all over. Narrow rounded butt, almost straight sides, rounded blade. L 117, W 51, Th 32 mm. (Bir 1968A1132)

16 Charente, Angoulême
63 Six flakes, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2416)
64 Eight flakes and blades, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2417)
65 Eleven flakes and blades, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2418)
66 Eleven flakes and blades, some marked “Angoulême 1865”, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2419)
67 Bag of flakes, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2420)
68 Five flakes, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2421)

16 Charente, Le Placard
69 Three blade tools, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2425)

16 Charente, La Quina
70-113 Forty four flakes variously marked B1 (3 pieces), C (9 pieces), C2 (5 pieces), L1 (1 piece) and L2 (26 pieces), Middle Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2027-2070)
114 Flake (Bir 1973A1165)
115-118 Four bone fragments, Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2132-2135)
119 Stone scraper with one cutting edge formed on part of a pebble. Abbé Breuil excavations level 57, marked 57/LaQ/AB (Nun)

Côte-d’Or, Mailly
120 Bronze fitting? Watson 1993 no. 219 (Bir 1983A822)

22 Côtes-d’Armor, Dinan
121 Neolithic stone axe; polished all over. Thin rounded butt, tapering sides, rounded blade; edges slightly flattened. L 95, W 44, Th 21 mm. (Lap B46)

22 Côtes-d’Armor, Lamballe
122 Neolithic stone axe; polished all over. Narrow slightly truncated butt, straight sides, rounded blade; one edge flattened. L 77, W 47, Th 25 mm. (Bir 1973A289)
24 Dordogne, Bergerac
123-140 Eighteen blades and tools, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2397.1-18)

24 Dordogne, Les Combarelles
141 Flake tool, Lower Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A76)
142 Handaxe, Lower Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A77)

24 Dordogne, Combe Capelle
143 Flake tool, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A1164)
144-145 Two tools, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2078-2079)

24 Dordogne, “Grotte des Eyzies”
146-165 Twenty flint tools, mainly points on blade flakes; 1863, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2080-2099)
166-177 Twelve flint tools, mainly scrapers on blade flakes; 1863, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2100-2111)
178-257 Eighty flint tools with Lartet and Christy 1863 labels, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2260-2339)
258-287 Thirty points/burins, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2340-2369)
288 Two points one with Lartet and Christy 1863 label, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1928A25.10)
289 Three flint tools, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1989A25)
290 Flake with Lartet and Christy label (Lap B81)

24 Dordogne, Les Eyzies
291-299 Nine blades and flakes (War A521-526, A4023.1-3)
300 Two points and a blade flake with Lartet and Christy 1863 labels (Wos)
301 Bone fragment, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2173)

24 Dordogne, La Ferassie
302 Blade tool and core fragment; marked “FE”, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2433)
303-306 Two blade tools and two scrapers; marked “FE”, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1949A32.35-38)
307 Waste? marked “FE”, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1928A40.3)
308 Waste? marked “FE”, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A1168)

24 Dordogne, Font de Gaume
309 Small handaxe and three burins, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1947A11)

24 Dordogne, Fougal
310 Flake tool, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A1169)

24 Dordogne, Gorge d’Enfer
311-326 Sixteen flint blade tools with Lartet and Christy 1863 labels, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2398.1-16)
327 Point, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A1167)
328 Six flake tools “found in the mouth of a small cave in the Gorge d’Enfer, Les Eyzies” (Stk K11-1983)

24 Dordogne, Laugerie
329 Five blade tools, all with Lartet and Christy 1863 labels, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2392)
330 Two scrapers?, all with Lartet and Christy 1863 labels, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2393)
331 Five points, all with Lartet and Christy 1863 labels, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2394)
332 Two blade tools, all with Lartet and Christy 1863 labels, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2395)
333-348 Sixteen blade/flake tools, all with Lartet and Christy 1863 labels, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2396.1-16)

24 Dordogne, Laugerie Basse
349-351 Three blade flakes. (War A517-519)
352 Flake (Lap B82)
353 Two blade flakes (Wos)
354 Pointed saw, Neolithic (Bir 1948A17.38)

24 Dordogne, Laugerie Haute
355 Bag of flints including some tools marked LH2 in pencil, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2431)
356 Eight flints marked LHF5, Upper Palaeolithic (Laugerie Haute Fields) (Bir 1968A2432)
357-374 Eighteen flints marked “Laugerie Haute” in ink, some LHF in pencil, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1989A23.1-18)
375-376 Two cores marked LH2, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1928A40.1-2)
377 End scraper “Magdalenian III”, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A1174)
378-382 Five tools marked LH2 or LHF, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1932A49.30-34)
383 Scraper, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A1171)
384 Knife, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1928A25.4)
385-407 Twenty three tools and flakes, some marked LH2 in pencil or LHF, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1932A49.5-27)
408 Three flint tools marked LH/LH2, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1991A390)
409 Three fragments bone marked LH2, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1932A49)
410-412 Three fragments of long bone and jaw with two teeth with Lartet and Christy 1863 labels, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2232-2235)
413-416 Four flakes and blade flakes with Lartet and Christy labels dated 1863. (War A4021.1-4)

24 Dordogne, Laussel
417 Single flint, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1989A29)

24 Dordogne, Limeuil, Fons Brunel
418-419 Two blade flake tools, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2429.1-2)

24 Dordogne, La Madeleine
420-440 Twenty one flint tools all with Lartet and Christy 1863 labels, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2370-2390)
441 One burin with Lartet and Christy 1863 label, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A74)
442-451 Ten knives, dos abattu, ex R.A. Smith, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1928A45.9-18)
452-459 Eight blade tools with Lartet and Christy 1863 labels, Upper Palaeolithic (1928A45.28-29)
460 One point, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1928A25.11)
461 Flint tool, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1989A26)
462-476 Fifteen blades and flakes most with Lartet and Christy labels dated 1863 (War A428-440, 4022.1-2)
477 Two flakes both with Lartet and Christy labels (Lap B80)
478-485 Bones with incised decoration, some with Lartet and Christy 1863 labels, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2126-2129, 2161, 2214, 2230, 1973A85)
486-492 Seven bone harpoons, some with incised line decoration on barbs, some with Lartet and Christy 1863 labels, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2200-2205, 2211)
493-499 Miscellaneous bone fragments, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2125, 2130, 2160, 2212, 2227-2229)
500 Nine pieces worked bone with Lartet and Christy 1863 labels, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1928A45)
501 Broken grindstone rubbed smooth on broken edge; Lartet and Christy 1863 label. (Bir 1968A1975)

24 Dordogne, La Micoque
502-503 Two pieces of limestone; worked? (Bir 1968A2076-2077)

24 Dordogne, Le Moustier
504 Pointed handaxe (Nun)
505-536 Thirty two flint tools with Lartet and Christy labels dated 1863, Middle Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A1995-2026)
537-541 Five flint tools, Middle Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2071-2075)
542 Seven flints, Middle Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2436)
543 Flake tool with a Lartet and Christy label dated 1863, Middle Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A71)
544-545 Two flake tools with Lartet and Christy labels dated 1863, Middle Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A1378-1379)
546-552 Seven flake tools, one with Lartet and Christy label dated 1863, Middle Palaeolithic (Bir 1928A45.1, 3-8)
553-559 Seven flint flakes, Middle Palaeolithic (Bir 1989A24.1-7)
560-562 Three flake tools with Lartet and Christy labels dated 1863. (War A441-443)
563-564 Seventeen blades and points with Lartet and Christy labels (Lap B85-86)
565 Point with Lartet and Christy 1863 label and three flakes (Wos)

24 Dordogne, Le Moustier, Bois de Roches
566 Fourteen tools including Mousterian points, Middle Palaeolithic (Bir 1948A17.38)

24 Dordogne, Le Moustier, La Coutellerie
567 Flake or roughout, Middle Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A75)

24 Dordogne, Perigueux
568 Neolithic axe blank for axe with broad thin rounded butt, straight almost parallel sides and rounded blade. Shaping is complete but no sign of polishing or grinding. L 230, W 75, Th 51 mm. (Bir 1968A1178)
569 Bronze looped centre winged axe. Watson 1993 no. 164 (Bir 1983A815)
570 Bronze shaft hole axe. Watson 1993 no. 188 (Bir 1983A818)

24 Dordogne, Le Ruth
571 Scraper and blade tool, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2435)
572-585 Fourteen flint tools, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1932A49.39-52)

24 Dordogne, Sergeac
586 Two flints, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1989A27)

24 Dordogne, River Vézère
587-596 Ten blade tools marked “Vézère”, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2391.1-10)
597-605 Nine tools marked “Vézère”, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1928A45.19-24)
606-615 Fragments of bone, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2236-2242, 2250-2252)

24 Dordogne, no exact provenance
627 Flint blade flake. (War A527)

28 Eure-et-Loir, Langey
628 Neolithic grey flint chopping tool or axe roughout; some iron staining. Straightish sides; one end thinner and rounder, the other thicker and more pointed. L 104, W 53, Th 38 mm. (War A662)
629 Neolithic re-worked flint axe fragment; blade only. Traces of polishing. Possibly broke during re-working. Ex Rosehill. L. 81 mm. (Bir 1988A194)
630 Neolithic flint adze. Danish type; trapezoidal with concavo-convex profile. Ex Rosehill. L 95, W 60, Th 23 mm. (Bir 1989A37)

28 Eure-et-Loir, no exact provenance
631 Mousterian flake. (War A424)
632 Neolithic polished stone axe; fine grained black stone. Well made example. One side straight, other slightly convex both tapering towards a narrow thin pointed butt. Edges flattened. Cutting edge unevenly rounded. Well polished all over with only minor scars left on tip of butt. L 161, W 60, Th 30 mm. (War A806)

29 Finistère, Quimper
633 Bronze low-flanged palstave with trident decoration. Watson 1993, no. 157 (Bir 1968A1254)

30 Gard, Carpentras
634 Copper flat axe. Watson 1993, no. 144 (Bir 1968A1241)
635 Bronze end-winged axe; Italian Iron Age type. Watson 1993, no. 162 (Bir 1968A1260)

30 Gard, Nîmes
636 Bronze flanged axe. Watson 1993, no. 151 (Bir 1968A1248)

30 Gard, Trèves (near)
637 Early Bronze Age stone battle axe; polished all over. Straight bore perforation. L 118, W 61, Th 45 mm. (Bir 1968A1150)
31 Haute-Garonne, Aurignac
638 Three flint blades, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2428)
639-646 Several fragments of bone and teeth, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2243, 2253-2259)
647 Fragment of bone, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A120)
648 Burin and blade flake (Wos)

31 Haute-Garonne, Miremont
649-655 Seven flint tools, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1932A49.1-4, 28-29, 53)
656 Point on flake, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2434)

31 Haute-Garonne, Toulouse
657 Neolithic greenstone polished axe. Pitted area on pointed butt indicates hafting line? Ridge on one face. Rounded blade broken. L 170, W 59, Th 27 mm. (Bir 1968A1120)
658 Neolithic greenstone axe; polished all over. Pointed butt, convex sides, narrow rounded blade; slight flattening on edges. L 131, W 45, Th 26 mm. (Bir 1968A1227)

33 Gironde, Bordeaux
659 Bronze socketed axe, type Trehou. Watson 1993 no. 172 (Bir 1983A531)

33 Gironde, Lesparre
660 Neolithic polished greenstone axe. Pointed butt, flattened oval section. L 171, W 55, Th 28 mm. (Bir 1968A1118)

35 Ille-et-Vilaine, Fougères
661 Neolithic stone axe; polished all over. Pointed butt, straight sides, gently rounded blade; oval section. L 79, W 44, Th 23 mm. (Bir1973A1367)

35 Ille-et-Vilaine, Meillac
662 Neolithic polished stone axe; butt lost. Blade slightly rounded. One side unevenly convex, the other straight and with flattened edges. L 138, W 68, Th 37 mm. (Lap W122)

37 Indre-et-Loire, Le Grand-Pressigny, La Claisière
663 Flint core. (Bir 1968A1224)

37 Indre-et-Loire, Le Grand-Pressigny, La Falanderie
664-668 Flint flake and four cores. (Bir 1966A28.1-5)

37 Indre-et-Loire, Le Grand-Pressigny
669 Neolithic axe in orange-brown flint; polished all over but scars remain on butt. Narrow oblique butt, uneven sides and rounded blade. L 110, W 50, Th 31 mm. (Bir 1968A1167)
670 Livre-de-Beurre flint core. (Bir 1948A17.4)
674 A small livre-de-beurre flint core (Lap B100)
675-676 Long blade flake/knife and livre-de-beurre core (Wos)
37 Indre-et-Loire, Preuilly-sur-Claise
677 Palaeolithic flake collected in 1873. (War A665)

37 Indre-et-Loire, Tours
678 Neolithic greenstone axe; polished all over. Thin pointed butt, convex sides, rounded blade. Lentoid section. L 118, W 48, Th 27 mm. (Bir 1968A1138)
679 Bronze palstave made from halves of two different moulds. Ex Roots collection. Watson 1993, no. 155 (Bir 1983A812)

41 Loir-et-Cher, Bré Bainville
680 Flint flake (War A542)

41 Loir-et-Cher, Thenay
681 Handaxe, Lower Palaeolithic (Bir 1885A2118)

47 Lot-et-Garonne, Agen
682-684 Three bronze flanged axes. Watson 1993, nos. 147-149 (Bir 1968A1245-1247)
685 Bronze flange hilted sword. Watson 1993 no. 194 (Bir 1968A1262)

49 Maine-et-Loire, Saumur
686 Neolithic greenstone axe, polished all over. Pointed butt, oval section. L 87, W 46, Th 24 mm. (Bir 1968A1119)
687 Grand-Presigny flint tanged dagger; lentoid section. L 261, W 57, Th 19 mm. (Bir 1968A1225)

50 Manche, Granville
688-689 Flint point and flake (War A426, A2904)

50 Manche, Valognes
690 Bronze looped palstave with central rib. Watson 1993, no. 158 (Bir 1968A1256)

54 Meurthe-et-Moselle, Toul
691 Bronze centre-winged axe. Watson 1993, no. 160 (Bir 1968A1258)

56 Morbihan, Belz, “an island near”
692 Bronze socketed axe, type Dahouet. Watson 1993 no.166 (Bir 1968A1269)
693 Bronze socketed axe, type Trehou. Watson 1993 no. 168 (Bir 1968A1270)

56 Morbihan, Carnac
694 Neolithic large stone axe; polished all over. Pointed butt, convex sides and relatively narrow rounded blade. Oval section. L 253, W 78, Th 56 mm. (Bir 1970A66)
695 Neolithic greenstone axe; polished all over. Narrow pointed butt, straight sides with concave kink on one side, rounded blade. L 219, W 65, Th 27 mm. (Bir 1970A67)
696 Neolithic brown stone axe; polished all over but some pecking scars remain on butt and sides. Narrow rounded but, convex sides and almost straight blade; both faces are slightly dished. L 149, W 65, Th 31 mm. (Bir 1970A68)
697 Neolithic stone axe; polished all over. Narrow rounded butt, one side straight, other convex, rounded blade; edges flattened. L 107, W 56, Th 22 mm. (Bir 1970A69)
698 Neolithic stone chisel; polished all over except on truncated end of the butt. Straight butt, convex sides, narrow rounded blade. L 117, W 35, Th 30 mm. (Bir 1970A70)
699 Neolithic stone axe; polished all over. Pointed butt, uneven convex sides, blade damaged. L 120, W 50, Th 26 mm. (Bir 1970A71)
700 Neolithic mottled stone axe. Butt broken, convex sides, unevenly rounded blade; edges flattened near blade only. L 87, W 48, Th 23 mm. (Bir 1970A72)
701 Neolithic stone axe; smoothed all over. Thick butt, straight sides, rounded but unsharpened blade. L 78, W 50, Th 31 mm. (Bir 1970A73)
702 Neolithic stone axe; polished all over. Butt broken, slightly asymmetrical sides, rounded blade. L 82, W 43, Th 21 mm. (Bir 1970A74)
703 Neolithic marbled stone axe; polished all over. Narrow rounded butt, convex sides straighter near blade which has an almost straight cutting edge. L 79, W 47, Th 25 mm. (Bir 1970A75)
704 Neolithic stone axe; polished all over. Narrow rounded butt, straight sides, gently rounded blade. L 81, W 46, Th 21 mm. (Bir 1970A76)

56 Morbihan, Carnac, Mane-Remor dolmen near Moustoir?
705 Three flint flakes (Bir 1989A31)
706 Flint flake (Lap W38)

56 Morbihan, Carnac, St Michel (Burl 215A?)
707 Neolithic blade flake (Lap W33)

56 Morbihan, Pontivy
708 Neolithic blade flakes (Lap B63)

59 Nord, Lille
709 Neolithic axe in pale brown/tan flint; polished all over except extreme end of butt. Thin narrow rounded butt, straight but uneven sides and unevenly rounded blade; edges flattened. L 157, W 73, Th 32 mm. (Bir 1968A1216)

60 Oise, Beauvais
710 Neolithic adze in grey flint with darker bands; ground and polished on blade only. Thin narrow rounded butt and narrow blade with almost straight cutting edge. L 135, W 44, Th 25 mm. (Bir 1968A1154)
711 Neolithic axe in grey flint with small patches of white cortex remaining otherwise polished all over. Thin narrow butt, straight sides, rounded blade now chipped; very slender. Edges slightly flattened. L 264, W 65, Th 30 mm. (Bir 1968A1162)
712 Neolithic grey flint axe; unfinished as no sign of polishing and cutting edge not ground. Thin narrow butt, straight sides and rounded blade. L 184, W 67, Th 36 mm. (Bir 1968A1179)
713 Neolithic pale grey flint axe/chisel; polished on blade only. Narrow tapering tool with narrow rounded butt and rounded blade. L 148, W 35, Th 15 mm. (Bir 1968A1221)

62 Pas-de-Calais, Boulogne-[sur-Mer]
714 Flint flake (Bir 1989A30)
715 Bronze miniature socketed axe, type Couville. Watson 1993 no. 179 (Bir 1968A1273)

62 Pas-de-Calais, Le Portel
716 Two Neolithic flint scrapers. (Lap W20)

62 Pas-de-Calais, St Omer
717 Three flint flakes (Lap W21)

64 Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Rebinac
718 Two flake points, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2427)
719 Three teeth, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2444)

69 Rhône, Lyon
720 Neolithic greenish stone axe; blade polished smoother than body which remains pitted. Butt broken off, straight tapering sides, rounded blade. L 114, W 51, Th 31 mm. (Bir 1968A1140)

70 Haute-Saône, Autet
721 Neolithic triangular section flint blade. L 94 mm (Bir 1983A841)

71 Saône-et-Loire, Solutré
722 Four Upper Palaeolithic flakes (Lap B192)

73 Savoie, Aix-les-Bains
723 Neolithic pale grey flint axe; ground all over with glossy polish on blade. Truncated butt, uneven sides and very gently rounded blade. L 92, W 54, Th 25 mm. (Bir 1988A186)
724 Neolithic stone axe; polished all over. Straight butt, tapering sides and unevenly rounded blade. L 114, W 60, Th 29 mm. (Bir 1988A187)
725 Neolithic dark grey flint axe with heavy white patina; ground all over. Thin narrow rounded butt, tapering sides, rounded blade; lentoid section. L 103, W 49, Th 21 mm. (Bir 1988A189)
726 Neolithic pale brown-grey flint axe; butt polished, blade re-worked but not re-ground or polished. Truncated pointed butt, straight sides. L 116, W 51, Th 29 mm. (Bir 1988A191)
727 Neolithic buff coloured flint axe fragment. Blade only; narrow but very rounded. W 50 mm. (Bir 1988A188)
728 Neolithic flint axe roughout. Rounded butt, some grinding on blade. L 123, W 55, Th 35 mm. (Bir 1988A190)
729 Neolithic flint axe roughout. Shaped but not ground or polished. L 155, W 54, Th 31 (Bir 1988A192)
730 Neolithic flint axe fragment. Blade missing. (Bir 1989A36)

73 Savoie, Lac du Bourquet
731 Bronze tanged knife. Watson 1993 no. 191 (Bir 1983A329)
732-735 Four bronze bracelets. Watson 1993 nos. 198-201 (Bir 1983A402, 403, 1055, 425)
736 Bronze pectoral. Watson 1993 no. 217
74 Haute-Savoie, Alby
737 Neolithic adze in dirty buff stone with rusty brown inclusions; polished all over. Narrow rounded butt, convex sides, almost straight adze blade. Plano-convex section. L73, W 44, Th 21 mm. (Bir 1968A1144)

75 Paris
738 Neolithic buff stone axe, polished all over. Thin broad rounded butt, straight sides and unevenly rounded blade; edges flattened. L 147, W 55, Th 30 mm. (Bir 1968A1152)
739 Neolithic axe in pale grey flint with white patina and iron staining in places. Butt and blade both broken, latter possibly from attempt to re-sharpen. Slightly convex tapering sides, edges flattened. (Bir 1968A1156)
740 Neolithic axe in pale brown flint; polished all over except on extreme end of butt which may have been damaged in modern times. Thin narrow rounded butt, almost straight sides and very gently rounded blade; edges flattened. L 215, W 68, Th 31 mm. (Bir 1968A1163)
741 Neolithic axe in brown flint; polished all over. Narrow, truncated butt, slightly convex sides, rounded blade chipped on edge; flattened edges. L 116, W 56, Th 25 mm. (Bir 1968A1169)
742 Neolithic axe in pale brown/fawn flint; very well made and polished all over. Thin narrow rounded butt, slightly convex sides and rounded blade; edges flattened. L 209, W 61, Th 33 mm. (Bir 1968A1218)
743 Bronze flanged axe. Watson 1993, no.146 (Bir 1968A1243)

75 Paris, Pont Notre-Dame
744 Neolithic buff stone axe; natural depression in one face. Blade only polished, peck marks/natural pitting over rest. Thick pointed butt, convex sides, relatively narrow blade. L 96, W 46, Th 32 mm. (Bir 1968A1126)

75 Paris, Seine
745 Neolithic large heavy stone adze/axe with almost straight blade; butt broken. Polished on blade; butt smoothed but peck marks remain. L 205, W 80, Th 58 mm. (Bir 1968A1145)

76 Seine-Maritime, Rouen, St. Catherine
746 Flint flake (War A427)

76 Seine-Maritime, Sainte-Adresse
747 Flint flake (War A425)

77 Seine-et-Marne, Coulommiers
748 Neolithic axe in banded grey flint; polished all over. Thin narrow butt damaged, convex sides, unevenly rounded blade, lentoid section. L 115, W 45, Th 20 mm. (Bir 1968A1170)

77 Seine-et-Marne, Meaux
749 Neolithic greenstone axe; polished all over. Pointed butt, straight sides and uneven blade. L 70, W 43, Th 19 mm. (Bir 1968A1124)
77 Seine-et-Marne, Provins
750 Neolithic axe in pale beige-brown flint; polished all over. Narrow, almost pointed butt, straight sides and unevenly rounded blade; edges flattened. L 223, W 68, Th 29 mm. (Bir 1968A1220)

79 Deux-Sèvres, Thouars
751 Neolithic stone axe; smoothed all over. Pointed butt, convex sides, rounded blade; edges flattened near blade. Oval section. L 119, W 53, Th 35 mm. (Bir 1968A1133)

80 Somme, Abbeville
752 Small pointed handaxe marked June 1860, Lower Palaeolithic (Bir 1937A68.19)
753 Spade-shaped handaxe, Lower Palaeolithic (Bir 1948A17.47)
754 Crude handaxe marked 1860, Lower Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A72)
755 Small oval handaxe with s-twist, Lower Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A73)
756 Crude oval handaxe marked June 186, Lower Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A1369)
757 Crude pointed handaxe marked June 1860, Lower Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A1372)
758 Handaxe marked June 1860, Lower Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A1381)
759 Small oval handaxe marked June 1860, Lower Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A1382)
760 Very rolled flint flake/point (Lap W120)
761 Flake tool (Her 2496)
762 Neolithic adze/axe in pale grey flint with iron staining; some polishing but many flaking scars remain. Narrow rounded butt, straight sides, rounded blade. L 137, W 68, Th 31 mm. Marked “trouve à Bouillancourt …..” (For Bouillancourt-en-Séry?) (Bir 1968A1173)
763 Neolithic axe in grey flint with iron staining; some polishing on butt. Thin rounded butt, edges slightly but crudely flattened. Blade has been re-worked to form a crude chopper or wedge. L 106, W 63, Th 30 mm. (Bir 1968A1174)
764 Neolithic grey flint axe; polished. Butt lost, almost parallel sides to rounded unexpanded blade. L 99, W 58, th 25 mm. (Bir 1968A1176)
765 Neolithic small axe/adze roughout in grey flint with white iron-stained patina; ex JB collection? L 131 mm. (Bir 1968A1183)
766 Neolithic grey flint axe roughout. L 134 mm. (Bir 1968A1186)
767 Neolithic small axe roughout in dirty white and iron stained patinated flint. L 105 mm. (Bir 1968A1190)
768 Neolithic axe roughout in grey-brown flint. L 122 mm. (Bir 1968A1191)
769 Neolithic axe roughout? in buff coloured flint. L 140 mm (Bir 1968A1196)
770 Bronze miniature socketed axe, type Couville. Watson 1993 no. 182 (Bir 1968A1271)
771 Bronze socketed axe. Watson 1993 no. 187 (Bir 1931A68.30)

80 Somme, Amiens
772-773 Three Palaeolithic flakes (Lap B84, D92)
774-775 Two Palaeolithic flakes and an “implement” “from late drift”. (Lap B68-69)
776-778 Three Lower Palaeolithic handaxes (Lap B83, B104, D98)
779 Neolithic grey flint axe; polished all over. Thin narrow butt, straight sides, gently rounded blade; edges slightly flattened. L 119, W 48, Th 25 mm. (Bir 1968A1217)

80 Somme, Bouillancourt-en-Séry
See under Abbeville.
80 Somme, Montières-Etouvy
780-796 Seven flint tools and flakes, Middle Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A1988-1994)

80 Somme, near Moulin-Quignon
797 Flake tool found in 1851, Middle Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2439)

80 Somme, Pont-Remy
798 Neolithic flint knife/scaper. (Bir 1968A1185)

80 Somme, Saint-Acheul
799 Two small handaxes, Lower Palaeolithic (Bir 1885A2117)
800 Small pointed handaxe, Lower Palaeolithic (Bir 1928A25.14)
801 Small pointed handaxe, Lower Palaeolithic (Bir 1936A50)
802 Small handaxe, Lower Palaeolithic (War A398)
803 Handaxe from “Warin’s Pit”, Lower Palaeolithic (Lap B50)
804 Handaxe, Lower Palaeolithic (Her 1288)
805 Handaxe fragment and flake marked 8/12/63 (Wos)
806 Small rolled handaxe marked 27.9.62 (Wos)
807 Crude handaxe and two utilised flakes, Middle Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2437)
808 Neolithic flint axe; polished but scars remain. Butt broken, uneven sides, rounded blade. L 74, W 49, Th 27 mm. (Bir 1968A1189)

80 Somme, no exact provenance
809 Fragment of blade flake (Stk K51-1993)

83 Var, Draguignan
810 Bronze cast shaft hole axe. Watson 1993 no. 190 (Bir 1968A1250)

84 Vaucluse, Orange
811 Neolithic greenstone/jadeite miniature axe; polished all over. Pointed butt, straight sides and broad rounded blade; edges flattened. Truncated lentoid section. L 56, W 40, Th 17 mm. (Bir 1968A1134)
812 Neolithic greenstone/jadeite miniature axe; polished all over. Almost triangular in shape with narrow pointed butt, straight sides and broad rounded blade; edges slightly flattened. L 39, W 33, Th 11 mm. Ex Charvet collection. (Bir 1968A1143)
813 Neolithic axe in dark olive-green stone; polished all over. Pointed butt, convex sides and sharply rounded but relatively narrow blade. Lentoid section. L 170, W 62, Th 35 mm. (Bir 1968A1148)

84 Vaucluse, no detailed provenance
814 Neolithic grey-brown stone chisel, polished all over. Pointed butt, narrow blade, almost circular section. L 114, W 28, Th 23 mm. (Bir 1968A1122)

86 Vienne, Chatellerault
815 Neolithic axe in black flecked stone; polished all over. Pointed butt, convex sides and narrow unsharpened blade. Oval section. L 152, W 50, Th 33 mm. (Bir 1968A1129)

86 Vienne, Grottes du Chaffaud
816-825 Eighty nine blade and flake tools, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2399-2408)

86 Vienne, Payré, Tombelle de Brioux
826 Neolithic axe in greenish-grey stone; polished all over. Thick pointed butt and gently rounded blade; edges slightly flattened near blade. Thick oval section. L 122, W 54, Th 32 mm. (Bir 1968A1147)

86 Vienne, Poitiers region
827 Mousterian point (War A423)

86 Vienne, Vouillé
828 Neolithic axe in reddish-brown flint; ground and polished all over but a few deeper flaking scars remain especially on butt and edges. Thin narrow butt, straight sides and broad rounded blade. Edges flattened. L 148, W 56, Th 31 mm. (Bir 1968A1146)

86 Vienne, no detailed provenance
829-833 Four large blade flakes and an adze fragment all in pale brown flint. (Bir 1983A836-840)

89 Yonne, Sens
834 Butt end only from a Neolithic grey-brown flint axe; polished all over but some scars remain. Pointed butt to tapering convex sides with flattened edges. L 124, W 62, Th 33 mm. (War A1444)
835 Neolithic polished grey-brown flint axe; dull patina in places with some iron staining. Straight tapering sides to a broad unevenly rounded butt. Cutting edge now straight bit it is badly nicked and quite thick suggesting breakage or unfinished attempt at re-sharpening. Lentoid section. Collected in 1885. L 121, W 63, Th 34 mm. (War A1445)

89 Yonne, no detailed provenance
836 Neolithic flint axe roughout. L 115, W 50, Th 33 mm. (Bir1988A193)
837 Neolithic polished pale grey flint axe; well polished but several flaking scars remain with a very large one on one face. Straight tapering sides with flattened edges; hemispherical cutting edge nicked and chipped. Butt broken off and missing. L 118, W 63, Th 29 mm. (War A546)
838 Neolithic pale grey-brown flint chisel; crude and unpolished. Narrow rounded blade with double tranchet cutting edge; straight sides tapering to narrow rounded butt. Very thick and uneven in mid section. Ex Bryce-Wright. L 111, W 35, Th 27 mm. (War A628)

91 Essonne, Arpajon
839 Neolithic buff stone axe; well polished on blade with body and butt smoothed but retain some pitting. Butt broken, convex sides, narrow blade. Oval to almost circular section. L 150, W 55, Th 43 mm. (Bir 1968A1131)

91 Essonne, Orsay
840 Neolithic grey flint axe; polished all over except extreme end of butt. Straight butt and sides and rounded blade; one edge very slightly flattened. L 240, W 65, Th 35 mm. (Bir 1968A1219)
91 Essonne, Palai(e)seau
841 Neolithic axe in fawn/pale brown flint with some iron staining; no polishing or grinding. Thin narrow rounded butt, slightly convex sides and relatively narrow rounded blade. L 182, W 63, Th 30 mm. (Bir 1968A1184)

94 Val-de-Marne, Charenton-le-Pont
842 String of roughly spherical stone beads (Bir 1983A825)
843 Neolithic axe in pale and mid brown flint; polished all over including large area of cortex on one face. Thin narrow rounded butt, slightly convex sides and rounded blade; edges flattened. Approaching plano-convex section. Label marked 1889. L 172, W 58, Th 24 mm. (Bir 1968A1164)
844 Neolithic brown stone (silex d’eau douce) axe; smoothed all over and glassy polish on blade half. Slender axe with thin narrow rounded butt, straight almost parallel sides and narrow rounded blade; edges flattened. Found at the confluant de la Seine et de la Marne, 1874. L 230, W 55, Th 27 mm. (Bir 1983A842)

Not Located

Barefrac?
845 Blade tool (Bir 1968A2430)

Bois du Rocher (near Dinan?, see Evans, 528)
846 Eleven worked pieces of flint (Bir 1989A32)

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847 Neolithic grey flint chisel. L 105 mm. (Bir 1968A1222)

La Gauterie
848 Flint core (War A540)

Montier (for Montier-en-Der, Haute-Marne?)
849 Neolithic or earlier? Point made from grey flint with white iron stained patina. Label marked 1863. (Bir 1968A1187)

? Port Marcadé
850 Flake, Middle Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2438)

[.....] Quiches?
851 Neolithic small axe in buff veined stone. Narrow rounded butt, asymmetric sides and rounded blade now chipped. L 65 mm. (Bir 1968A1142)

Saint-Roch (18 or 44?)
852 Neolithic axe in grey flint with darker patches; polished all over but some deeper flaking scars remain. Thin narrow rounded butt, uneven sides and rounded blade; edges flattened but uneven. L 111, W 45, Th 25 mm. (Bir 1968A1155)
853 Re-worked Neolithic axe in grey flint. This piece appears to be the polished blade of an axe which has been re-worked to form a tool with a crude pointed tang, presumably after the butt broke off the axe. L 79, W 60, Th 28 mm. (Bir 1968A1160)
**Saint-Vaast**

854 Neolithic axe in grey-buff stone with orange-brown patina; polished all over but some scars remain. Straight narrow butt, gently convex sides and and rounded blade; cutting edge chipped and flake off one side. L 158, W 64, Th 36 mm. (Bir 1968A1151)

“**Auvergne**”

855 Blade end only of polished green stone Neolithic axe. (Bir 1885A2121.1)

“**Brittany**”

856 Bronze socketed axe, type Trehou. Watson 1993 no. 169 (Bir 1973A1354)
857 Bronze socketed axe, type Trehou. Watson 1993 no. 171 (Bir 1987A347)
858 Bronze socketed axe, type Plurien. Watson 1993 no. 176 (Bir 1973A308)
859 Bronze miniature socketed axe, type Couville. Watson 1993 no. 180 (Bir 1973A307)
860 Bronze miniature socketed axe, type Couville. Watson 1993 no. 181 (Bir 1962A394)
861 Bronze miniature socketed axe, type Couville. Watson 1993 no. 183 (Bir 1987A349)
862 Bronze miniature socketed axe, type Couville. Watson 1993 no. 184 (Bir 1983A533)
863 Bronze miniature socketed axe, type Maure. Watson 1993 no. 185 (Bir 1957A184)
864 Bronze miniature socketed axe, type Maure. Watson 1993 no. 186 (Bir 1957A185)

No detailed provenance

865-868 Harpoon heads with incised lines on barbs, Upper Palaeolithic [La Madeleine?] (Bir 1968A2206-2209)
869 Incised bone, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2226)
870 Several fragments worked bone, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1968A2150s to 2170s)
871-877 Worked bone, Upper Palaeolithic (Bir 1973A78-84, 327)
878 Truncated biconical bead in blue stone/frit, ex Greg collection, Sothebys sale, July 1895, lot 108 (Bir 1983A826)
879-883 Five clay spindle whorls, one decorated, ex Greg collection, Sothebys sale, July 1895, lot 108 (Bir 1983A827-831)
884-886 Three small polished stone Neolithic axes/chisels. (Bir 1885A2121.2-4)
887 Small Neolithic axe; buff stone. Thick rounded butt, convex sides, rounded blade. Butt pitted, blade polished. L 77mm. (Bir 1968A1125)
888 Small Neolithic axe; greenish-black stone. Thick rounded butt, one side straight, one convex, uneven blade. L 77 mm. (Bir 1968A1127)
889 Neolithic stone axe. Thick straight butt, straight tapering sides to gently rounded blade. L 67 mm. (Bir 1968A1128)
890 Neolithic greenstone axe; polished all over. Thin pointed butt, slightly convex sides, narrow blade. L 165 mm. (Bir 1968A1130)
891 Neolithic black stone axe; polished all over. Narrow rounded butt, convex sides, rounded blade. L 106 mm. (Bir 1968A1136)
892 Neolithic beige stone axe; blade polished but butt somewhat pitted and scarred. Broad thick rounded butt, straightish sides, slightly rounded blade and oval section. L 82, W 49, Th 32 mm. Ex Charvet collection.(Bir 1968A1123)
893 Neolithic miniature greenstone/jadeite axe. Blade well polished, body and butt smoothed but retain peck marks. Narrow rounded butt, convex sides and broad blade. L 45, W 35, Th 12 mm. Ex Charvet collection. (Bir 1968A1135)

894 Neolithic greenstone miniature axe; polished all over. Narrow rounded butt, almost straight sides and broad gently rounded blade. L 60, W 38, Th 18 mm. Ex Charvet collection. (Bir 1968A1137)

895 Neolithic jadeite? miniature axe; polished all over. Thick rounded butt, almost straight sides, gently rounded blade now very badly chipped; edges flattened. L 43, W 29, Th 13 mm. Ex Charvet collection. (Bir 1968A1149)

896 Neolithic axe in cream-coloured stone; polished all over. Thin narrow butt, straight sides, gently rounded blade now very badly chipped; edges flattened. L 224, W 71, Th 36 mm. (Bir 1968A1161)

897 Neolithic small stone axe; thick rounded butt and thick body. L 72 mm. (Bir 1968A1139)

898 Neolithic large well-made greenstone axe polished all over. L 325 mm. (Bir 1968A1226)

899 Neolithic very small jadeite axe almost triangular in plan with broad blade and narrow butt. L 31 mm. (Bir 1968A1141)

900 Neolithic polished flint axe. L 99 mm. (Bir 1968A1168)

901 Neolithic stone axe blank; shaping generally complete but no polishing or grinding. (Bir 1983A843)

902 Bronze flanged axe (almost certainly from south-eastern France). Watson 1993, no. 150 (Bir 1968A1244)

903 Bronze flanged axe. Watson 1993, no. 152 (Bir 1968A1251)

904-905 Two bronze undecorated palstaves. Watson 1993, nos. 153-154 (Bir 1968A1252, 1255)

906 Bronze palstave with shield pattern and midrib below. Watson 1993, no. 156 (Bir 1968A1253)

907 Bronze end-winged axe; modern? Watson 1993, no. 163 (Bir 1973A309)

908 Bronze looped centre winged axe. Watson 1993 no.165 (Bir 1968A1261)

909 Bronze socketed axe, type Trehou. Watson 1993 no.167 (Bir 1975A112)

910 Bronze socketed axe, type Trehou. Watson 1993 no.170 (Bir 1987A346)

911 Bronze socketed axe, type Trehou. Watson 1993 no. 173 (Bir 1983A352)

912 Bronze socketed axe, type Trehou. Watson 1993 no. 174 (Bir 1975A114)

913 Bronze socketed axe, type Plurien. Watson 1993 no. 175 (Bir 1975A113)

914 Bronze miniature socketed axe, type Couville. Watson 1993 no. 177 (Bir 1968A1274)

915 Bronze miniature socketed axe, type Couville. Watson 1993 no. 178 (Bir 1968A1272)

916 Bronze cast shaft hole axe. Watson 1993 no. 189 (Bir 1968A1249)

917 Bronze tanged, leaf-shaped sword. Watson 1993 no. 192 (Bir 1968A1263)

918 Bronze hollow hilted sword. Watson 1993 no. 193 (Bir 1968A1264)

919 Bronze dagger with separately cast bronze hilt. Watson 1993 no. 195 (Bir 1968A1240)

920 Bronze pegged socketed spearhead. Watson 1993 no. 196 (Bir 1968A1267)

921 Bronze pegged socketed spearhead. Watson 1993 no. 197 (Bir 1968A1266)

922 936 Fifteen bronze bracelets. Watson 1993 nos. 202-216 (Bir 1968A1264-1265, 1292-1304)

937 Group of twelve bronze beads. Watson 1993 no. 218 (Bir 1968A1313)

938 Bronze bell. Watson 1993 no. 220 (Bir 1983A824)
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