

Note on two Stone Coffins discovered at Dyrham, Glos.

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Two stone coffins were found at Dyrham during ploughing, the first on March 19th, 1932, and the other on May 6th.

They were near the road shown on the sketch map in a field called Turks, part of Sands Farm, on the Dyrham Park Estate.

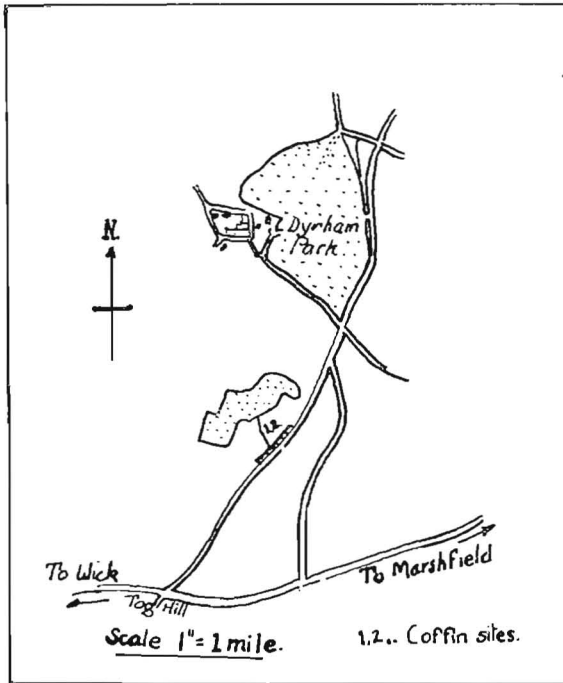


FIG. 20.—Sketch Map based on the Ordnance Survey Map, with the sanction of the Controller of H.M. Stationery Office.

Our attention was called to them by the Rev. F. L. Blathwayt, Rector of Dyrham.

Both coffins were worked in local freestone. The interior of No. 1 showed diagonal tool marks.

In the case of No. 2 coffin only the base remained.

The bones found were examined by Dr. Fawcett, who has reported with regard to them.

Fragments of pottery of Roman origin were found in association with No. 1 coffin.

Length of coffin No. 1 was 5 feet 4 inches, and of No. 2 about 6 feet 3 inches.

Coffin No. 1 has been placed in the churchyard at Dyrham, and the other is in the Estate Yard at Dyrham Park.