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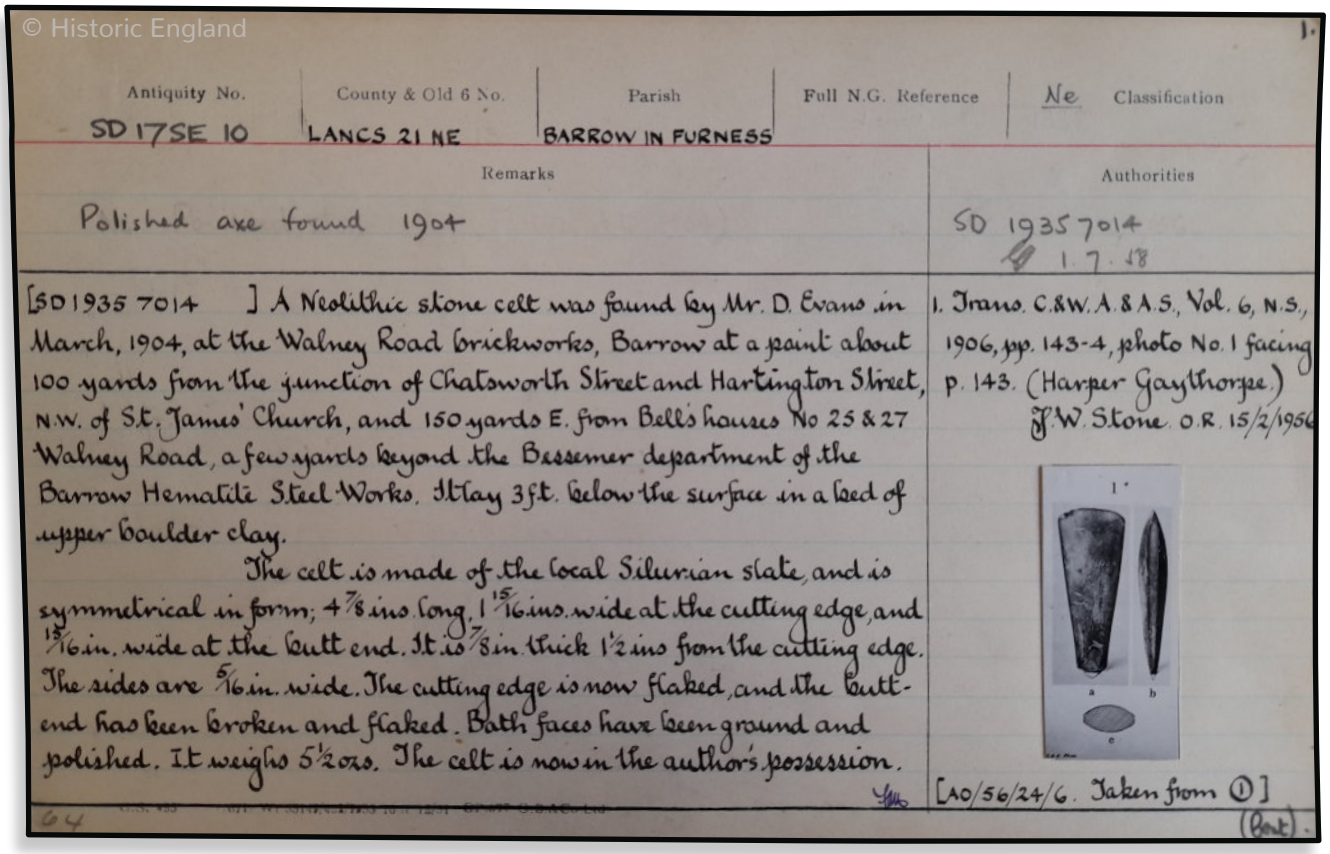

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Remarks

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Authorities

SD 19357014
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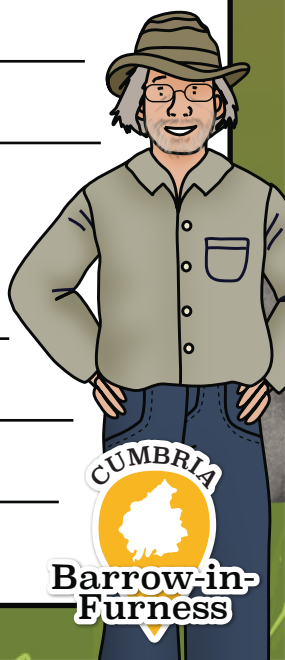

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