

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI RADIOCARBON DATES V

K L ELDRIDGE, J J STIPP, and J HATTNER

Department of Geology, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

The following list of dates are selected from geologic and archaeological samples measured in early 1975. The technique employed is liquid scintillation counting of wholly synthesized benzene as described by Noakes *et al* (1965) and discussed in R, v 16, p 402-408. Errors are reported as one standard deviation.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We are grateful to D Evans, Dept Biology, for the supplemental use of his Packard Tri-Carb 2003 liquid scintillation spectrometer. We also wish to thank students, P Crevello, S Locker, and J Plescia, for their assistance with various aspects of laboratory preparations.

SAMPLE DESCRIPTIONS

I. ARCHAEOLOGIC SAMPLES

*A. El Salvador***Santa Leticia series**

Three charcoal samples from artificial fill under 'Pot Belly' statue, 2nd terrace, Finca Santa Leticia, Apaneca area, El Salvador (13° 51' 18" N, 89° 47' 32" W). Coll 1969 and subm 1974 by S H Boggs.

General Comment (SHB): results indicate emplacement of statuary during Pre-Classic era. Culture presently unknown. Santa Leticia statuary emplacement corresponds chronologically with 'Pot Belly' emplacements at Finca Monte Alto, Guatemala (Berger, 1973; Cadwell *et al*, 1975).

UM-390.	Santa Leticia 1	2400 ± 60 450 BC
UM-391.	Santa Leticia 3	2460 ± 130 510 BC
UM-392.	Santa Leticia 19-21	2780 ± 210 830 BC

*B. Puerto Rico***Villa Taina series**

Charcoal and shell from shell midden, Boquerón, Puerto Rico (18° 02' 27" N, 67° 11' 33" W). Charcoal pretreated with 5% NaOH for removal of humic acid. Dated to establish Arawak Indian habitation (Goodwin, 1973). Coll and subm 1974 by C Goodwin.

UM-398.	Villa Taina 1Aa	1300 ± 90 AD 650
	Charcoal from 27cm beneath surface.	

UM-399. Villa Taina 1Ab	1090 ± 100
Duplicate run of UM-398.	AD 860
UM-400. Villa Taina 1B	1050 ± 80
Shell from 30cm beneath surface.	AD 900

II. GEOLOGIC SAMPLES

A. United States

Caesars Creek Bank series

Shell and coral samples from 8 piston cores from .2 to 1.7m water, Caesars Creek Bank, Biscayne Bay, Florida. Carbonate mudbank—storm, tidal delta assoc with major tidal pass between Biscayne Bay and inner reef tract, SE coast of Florida. Dates depositional sequence of bank. Samples found *in situ* except UM-336 and -344. Coll and subm 1974 by E R Warzeski, RSMAS, Univ Miami.

Core 1 from .2m water. Core penetration 4.8m to bedrock (25° 23' 00" N, 80° 13' 12" W).

UM-297. Core 1	1760 ± 100
<i>Codakia orbicularis</i> and <i>Porites divaricata</i> from 135 to 145 cm within core.	AD 190
UM-326. Core 1	3300 ± 80
<i>Codakia orbicularis</i> from 290 to 300cm within core.	1350 BC
UM-327. Core 1	3870 ± 80
<i>Codakia orbicularis</i> from 335 to 345cm within core.	1920 BC

Core 2 from .5m water. Core penetration 5.3m to bedrock (25° 22' 53" N, 80° 13' 01" W).

UM-335. Core 2	2040 ± 90
<i>Codakia orbicularis</i> , <i>Astrea tecta americana</i> , and <i>Porites divaricata</i> from 150 to 160cm within core.	90 BC
UM-336. Core 2	4200 ± 100
<i>Anodontia alba</i> from 420 to 430cm within core. <i>Comment</i> (ERW): shell directly underlying storm mud layer. Shell was deposited after burial of UM-337.	2250 BC
UM-337. Core 2	3600 ± 140
<i>Anodontia alba</i> and <i>Laevicardium laevigatum</i> from 480 to 500cm within core.	1650 BC

Core 3 from 1.7m water. Core penetration 2.5m (25° 22' 42" N, 80° 12' 50" W).

UM-322. Core 3

Codakia orbicularis from 235 to 245cm within core.

2300 ± 90
350 BC

Core 4 from 1.7m water. Core penetration 4.6m to bedrock (25° 22' 41" N, 80° 12' 48" W). *Comment* (ERW): core penetrated buried tidal channel. UM-332 antedates cutting of channel and is below erosional surface of channel floor. UM-331, -344, and -330 record lateral migration of channel margin across core site.

UM-330. Core 4

Porites divaricata from 80 to 90cm within core.

1540 ± 80
AD 410

UM-344. Core 4

Porites divaricata, *Astrea tecta americana*, and *Tellina similis* from 255 to 265cm within core. *Comment* (ERW): UM-344 appears to be transported material.

3530 ± 130
1580 BC

UM-331. Core 4

Anodontia alba from 310cm within core.

1880 ± 80
AD 70

UM-322. Core 4

Laevicardium laevigatum from 360 to 370cm within core.

3650 ± 100
1700 BC

Core 5 from .7m water. Core penetration 5.4m (25° 22' 32" N, 80° 12' 12" W).

UM-321. Core 5

Laevicardium laevigatum from 370 to 410cm within core.

2820 ± 480
870 BC

UM-320. Core 5

Laevicardium laevigatum from 480 to 510cm within core.

3480 ± 90
1520 BC

Core 6 from .4m water. Core penetration 5.4m (25° 22' 58" N, 80° 12' 15" W).

UM-318. Core 6

Laevicardium laevigatum and *Porites divaricata* from 360 to 380cm within core.

2020 ± 90
70 BC

UM-319. Core 6

Laevicardium laevigatum from 460 to 480cm within core.

2640 ± 100
690 BC

Core 7 from .4m water. Core penetration 5.4m to bedrock (25° 22' 21" N, 80° 12' 48" W).

UM-323. Core 7 **990 ± 80**
AD 960
Manicina areolata from 280 to 290cm within core.

UM-324. Core 7 **3530 ± 130**
1580 BC
Laevicardium laevigatum, *Tellina mera*, and *Cumingia tellinoides* from 485 to 495cm within core.

Core 8 from .9m water. Core penetration 3.9m (25° 22' 16" N, 80° 13' 00" W).

UM-333. Core 8 **240 ± 80**
AD 1710
Astrea tecta americana, *Natica canrena*, and *Porites divaricata* from 200 to 210cm within core.

UM-334. Core 8 **1920 ± 120**
AD 30
Manicina areolata from 310 to 330cm within core.

Safety Valve series

Eight cores from Safety Valve tidal bar, Biscayne Bay, Florida. Dates establish pattern of tidal-bar formation relative to sea level rise (Plescia *et al.*, 1975). Cores from .5 to 1m water. Core A (25° 39' 03" N, 80° 10' 25" W). Core B (25° 39' 06" N, 80° 10' 05" W). Core C (25° 37' 44" N, 80° 10' 13" W). Core D (25° 37' 48" N, 80° 10' 00" W). Core E (25° 37' 12" N, 80° 10' 05" W). Core F (25° 36' 25" N, 80° 10' 30" W). Core G (25° 36' 00" N, 80° 10' 00" W). Core H (25° 36' 16" N, 80° 09' 45" W). Coll and subm 1973, 1974 by J Plescia, Univ Miami.

UM-309. Core A **900 ± 60**
AD 1050
Shell from 12 to 18cm within core.

UM-505. Core A **1700 ± 80**
AD 250
Shell from 48 to 56cm within core.

UM-306. Core A **1500 ± 80**
AD 450
Porites coral from 61 to 69cm within core.

UM-495. Core A **1520 ± 120**
AD 430
Porites coral from 152 to 158cm within core.

UM-308. Core A **3020 ± 110**
1070 BC
Shell from 335 to 363cm within core.

UM-307. Core B

Shell from 399 to 424cm within core.

3620 ± 90
1670 BC**+520**
27,540
-560**UM-310. Core B**

Recrystallized limestone from 424 to 427cm within core.

25,590 BC**960 ± 70**
AD 990**UM-516. Core C**

Shell from 175 to 182cm within core.

2360 ± 90
410 BC**UM-514. Core C**

Shell from 250 to 262cm within core.

1380 ± 70
AD 570**UM-515. Core D**

Shell from 71 to 79cm within core.

1230 ± 80
AD 720**UM-517. Core D***Porites* coral from 71 to 79cm within core.**2500 ± 120**
550 BC**UM-513. Core D**

Shell from 320 to 343cm within core.

840 ± 80
AD 1110**UM-502. Core E***Porites* coral from 0 to 10cm within core.**520 ± 60**
AD 1430**UM-499. Core E***Porites* coral from 24 to 32cm within core.**960 ± 70**
AD 990**UM-496. Core E**

Shell from 52 to 55cm within core.

4030 ± 110
2080 BC**UM-498. Core E**

Shell from 175 to 183cm within core.

3130 ± 110
1180 BC**UM-503. Core E**

Shell from 183 to 193cm within core.

320 ± 70
AD 1630**UM-511. Core F***Porites* coral from 14 to 22cm within core.**660 ± 70**
AD 1290**UM-510. Core F***Porites* coral from 57 to 67cm within core.

UM-509. Core F	1470 ± 80 AD 480
<i>Porites</i> coral from 159 to 168cm within core.	
UM-507. Core F	2230 ± 80 280 BC
<i>Porites</i> coral from 210 to 216cm within core.	
UM-508. Core F	4270 ± 100 2320 BC
Shell from 259 to 269cm within core.	
UM-512. Core F	19,840 ± 420 17,890 BC
Recrystallized limestone from 259 to 269cm within core.	
UM-506. Core G	1900 ± 140 AD 50
<i>Porites</i> coral from 261 to 270cm within core.	
UM-500. Core H	4200 ± 90 2250 BC
<i>Porites</i> coral from 25 to 33cm within core.	
UM-497. Core H	520 ± 80 AD 1430
<i>Porites</i> coral from 46 to 53cm within core.	
UM-504. Core H	900 ± 80 AD 1050
<i>Porites</i> coral from 86 to 94cm within core.	
UM-501. Core H	900 ± 80 AD 1050
<i>Porites</i> coral from 195 to 203cm within core.	

*B. Bahamas***Frazers Hog Cay series**

Carbonate sediment from 3 cores, Frazers Hog Cay, Bahamas. Continuation of study on Frazers Hog Cay (R, v 17, p 410), to determine date of Holocene bank flooding and transgression (Crevello *et al*, 1975). Coll 1962 by J Imbrie; subm 1975 by P Crevello, Univ Miami, and H Buchanan.

UM-488. Core 855(cc)R	2240 ± 60 290 BC
Oolitic sand from 242 to 262cm within core. From .75m water (25° 26' 56" N, 77° 56' 45" W).	
UM-489. Core 858N	2120 ± 70 170 BC
Shells from 120cm within core. From 2.2m water (25° 27' 25" N, 77° 53' 14" W).	

UM-490. Core 784-2 BN **960 ± 60**
AD 990
Organic aggregate and grapestone sand from 20 to 30cm within core. From 1.5m water (25° 27' 25" N, 77° 53' 14" W).

UM-491. Core 784-2 BN **1400 ± 100**
AD 550
Organic aggregate and grapestone sand from 150cm within core. Same core as UM-490.

Haines Cay series

Marine-derived carbonates from beach and eolian dune ridge sediments. Dates provide temporal framework for interpretation of island formation and Holocene sea level. Continuation of study on Haines Cay, Bahamas (R, v 17, p 118; Pasley *et al*, 1975). Dune A forms rocky shoreline on NE side of I. Lithified material is well-sorted, oolitic calcarenite. Dune B is W of Dune A. Semi-lithified material is oolitic, pelletoidal calcarenite. Dune C forms shoreline on NW side of I. Lithified material is well-sorted, oolitic calcarenite. Dune D is a massive back beach dune S of Dune A. Poorly lithified material is oolitic, pelletoidal calcarenite. Dune E extends S of Dunes A and B, W of Dune D. Semi-lithified material is oolitic, pelletoidal calcarenite. Coll and subm 1974 by D Pasley, RSMAS, Univ Miami, and S Locker.

UM-407. Dune A **5580 ± 100**
3630 BC
Fine grained oolites, alt 2m above MSL (25° 44' 10" N, 77° 49' 08" W).

UM-494. Dune A **6280 ± 100**
4330 BC
Fine grained oolites, alt 2m above MSL (25° 34' 58" N, 77° 49' 07" W).

UM-404. Dune A **5840 ± 100**
3890 BC
Fine grained oolites, alt 1.5m above MSL (25° 43' 58" N, 77° 49' 07" W). *Comment (SL)*: UM-494 and -404 show reverse age trend relative to superposition.

UM-409. Dune B **4110 ± 111**
2160 BC
Medium grained oolites, alt 7m above MSL (25° 44' 10" N, 77° 49' 08" W).

UM-408. Dune B **3670 ± 90**
1720 BC
Medium grained oolites, alt 5m above MSL (25° 44' 10" N, 77° 49' 08" W). *Comment (SL)*: UM-409 and -408 show reverse age trend relative to superposition.

- UM-492. Dune C** **6460 ± 90**
4510 BC
Fine grained oolites, alt 1m above MSL (25° 44' 09" N, 77° 49' 12" W).
- UM-405. Dune D** **1920 ± 80**
AD 30
Medium grained oolites, alt 2m above MSL (25° 43' 58" N, 77° 49' 07" W).
- UM-493. Dune E** **2020 ± 80**
70 BC
Medium grained oolites, alt 2m above MSL (25° 43' 54" N, 77° 49' 09" W).
- UM-406. Beach sand** **1860 ± 70**
AD 90
Mixed carbonate sand from intertidal zone, E of Dunes D and E (25° 43' 57" N, 77° 49' 07" W).

*C. Martinique***Martinique series**

Charcoal from pyroclastic surge sediments, near Mt Pelée, Martinique. Dated to determine age of surge sediments emanating from Mt Pelée. Coll and subm 1974 by G P L Walker, Imperial Coll Sci and Technol, London.

- UM-394. Martinique 56** **1230 ± 80**
AD 720
Sample from non-pumiceous sediment, 2.6km S of Mt Pelée summit (14° 47' N, 61° 10' W).
- UM-395. Martinique 75** **3110 ± 100**
1160 BC
Sample from non-pumiceous sediment, .5km NW of Quartière Démare, NE slope of Mt Pelée (14° 50' N, 61° 07' W). *Comment* (GPLW): precedes UM-396 surge sediment.
- UM-396. Martinique 95** **2020 ± 80**
70 BC
Sample from pumice sediment, road cut at Morne Calebasse, 2.6km SE of Mt Pelée summit (14° 48' N, 61° 09' W).
- UM-397. Martinique 131** **4940 ± 100**
2990 BC
Sample from non-pumiceous sediment, road cut .4km SW of Morne Rouge (14° 46' N, 61° 08' W).

REFERENCES

- Berger, R, 1973, Summary of UCLA ^{14}C dates for Monte Alto.
- Cadwell, H, Boggs, S H, and Stipp, J J, 1975, Radiocarbon dating of the Pot-Belly statuary of El Salvador and Guatemala: Florida Acad Sci, Lakeland, Florida, March 20-22.
- Crevello, P, Buchanan, H, and Stipp, J J, 1975, Radiocarbon dates and recent Bahamian sea level: Florida Acad Sci, Lakeland, Florida, March 20-22.
- Eldridge, K L, Stipp, J J, Hattner, J, and McDougal, E, 1975, University of Miami radiocarbon dates IV: Radiocarbon, v 17, p 407-412.
- Godwin, C, 1973, Villa Taina: 5th internatl cong for the study of Pre-Columbian cultures of the Lesser Antilles Proc, p 1-10.
- Noakes, J E, Kim, S M, and Stipp, J J, 1965, Chemical and counting advances in liquid scintillation age dating: 6th internatl ^{14}C and ^3H dating conf Proc, Pullman, Washington, June 7-11, 1965, p 68-92.
- Pasley, D, Locker, S, Stipp, J J, 1975, Holocene sea level history and its relationship to eolianite sequences on Haines Cay, Berry Islands, Bahamas: Florida Acad Sci, Lakeland, Florida, March 20-22.
- Plescia, J B, Stipp, J J, 1975, Preliminary geochronology of the safety valve formation: Florida Acad Sci, Lakeland, Florida, March 20-22.
- Stipp, J J, and Eldridge, K L, 1975, University of Miami radiocarbon dates II: Radiocarbon, v 17, p 112-120.
- Stipp, J J, Eldridge, K L, Cohen, S J, and Webber, K, 1974, University of Miami radiocarbon dates I: Radiocarbon, v 16, p 402-408.