Call for Abstracts
Timber and the Building Trades in Construction History
Ninth CHS Annual Conference in collaboration with Cambridge Faculty of Architecture
Queens’ College, Cambridge, 1-3 April 2022

The aim of this year’s Annual Construction History Society Conference which will be held 1-3 April 2022 is to explore the interrelationship between construction and timber in the history of building technology. The aim of the first day is to provide a forum in which scholars from a variety of disciplines can explore the subject of timber and the building trades from multiple perspectives. Topics might include (but are not limited to):

- Timber supply
- Apprenticeship and training in the Timber trades
- Timber framing
- Timber roofs
- Timber floors
- Timber markings
- Saw mills and woodworking tools
- The development of understanding of the strength of timber

The second day will consider any paper on the subject of construction history including a special session on fountains and water supply (see separate calls for abstracts).

This is a history conference. The review panel will only accept papers that are based on historical research not surveys of contemporary practice or conservation.

Abstract submission

Abstracts should be 300-500 words long and should include the full names, academic affiliation or employer, a description of the subject proposed, the sources to be used, and where it fits within or how it relates to the current literature on the topic, together with address and email contact details. Submissions should be made to chs@aha.cam.ac.uk. The revised submission date for the abstracts is 29 November 2021.

Process and Paper Submission

The abstracts will be peer-reviewed and the authors informed of the results by 6 December 2021. The final paper must be submitted by 14 February 2022. Final papers will be 5000 words/30,000 characters and can include up to 10 images. The editors reserve the right to reject papers that do not meet the necessary standards at this stage.

Publication

Successful papers must be submitted by 14 February 2022 and will prepared for
publication and printed in April. The proceedings are published as an edited book with an ISBN number.

**All final accepted papers must be presented at the conference by at least one of the authors**

Papers will only be accepted by those who are prepared to record or deliver their papers in person. Authors will be expected to order at least one copy of the proceedings online.

The conference runs from **1-3 April 2022** in Queens’ College, Cambridge and will be held in hybrid form with live and virtual sessions. **Please do not submit an abstract if you are unable to present or answer questions on those dates**