A NOTE ON BONE SKATES FROM LONDON

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In 1976, Arthur MacGregor published his excellent summary of the historical and archaeological evidence for bone skates (MacGregor 1976; see also MacGregor 1975). As he noted, virtually all the examples from museum collections in Britain (including 168 from the Museum of London) must be regarded as unstratified. He lists 37 stratified skates from the British Isles in the appendix to his article (none of which are from London), and calls for further information on more recent finds.

The following short descriptions of the seven stratified bone skates from London can now be added to MacGregor’s list. The distal end of the bone is here designated as the ‘toe’, and the proximal end as the ‘heel’, in reference to the attachment of the skate to the foot.

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