

AGED HULK FOUND BENEATH STREET Ship Centuries Old Buried with Skeleton Fathoms Below City's Roar. BUILT BEFORE 1650, EXPERT ESTIMATES

Vessel Dug Up by Sandhogs Under Greenwich Street Is Guarded Against Vandals.

Six fathoms below Greenwich and on the beach of the Manhattan, Italian sandhogs came upon an ancient hulk yesterday afternoon.

"We understood that it was an Indian dugout canoe," said Mr. Spier last night. "It is not, so the museum does not want it. It is beyond doubt a sailing vessel. It is difficult to say exactly how old it is, but judging from the shape—high prow and stern—it is probably a vessel of the sort most prevalent in the early part of the seventeenth century."

Whether it was built before 1600, the year in which Hendrick Hudson sailed up the river which bears his name, is hard to say. Judging from the wood, probably oak, the wooden shape of the vessel, the wooden and copper sheathing used in its construction and the shape of the head of an axe found inside the hulk, it can only be reckoned that the vessel was probably built between 1600 and 1650.

Boat Over 100 Years Old. A few blocks north of Day Street, in Greenwich street, there formerly stood a building which was a landmark in the early part of the last century. But the fact that the boat lies forty feet below the level of Greenwich Street and some twelve feet below the old sewer, laid in 1804, places the age of the ship at least more than 110 years.

The further fact that in a layer of earth about a foot above the vessel were found several bits of earthenware of a sort, according to Mr. Spier, that went out of use in 1800, would seem to place the ship at least in the eighteenth century. As the variety of the ware, the hulk, according to Mr. Spier, have not been known since the seventeenth century.

A skull and parts of a skeleton found at the vessel's keel will be sent to the museum. The authorities will determine whether it is that of an Indian or a white man. Mr. Spier said there was no doubt that the ship itself had been built by white men.

Ship's Skeleton Reburied. The keel is about eight by ten inches. The ribs are four by six, and the few cross boards that remain are of two-inch stock. Judging from the shape of the prow exposed, the length of the hulk is calculated as about forty-five feet. The skeleton of the ship has been reburied to prevent vandals from removing it in bits as souvenirs.

The Italian foreman who was supervising the reburial yesterday afternoon was much interested. "She pretty old boat, maybe," said he, "from some sixty feet above came faintly down into the ship's grave. When subway strike is over, we take her out. I guess. Pretty careful digging. Betcher could find lots of funny things down here. Sometimes find skeletons or something. But boat—first time I ever hear of that. Pretty old boat, I guess."

USES FORTY TOOTH PICKS TO PUSH PEANUT A MILE Paterson's Moran Backer Loses Finger Nails, but Is Happy.

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