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You may search using keywords that appear in the title or abstract; or by using official subjects.

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Abstract: Archaeobotanists have identified wooden timbers from 27 burned Mississippian-period structures located across the American Bottom of southwestern Illinois. These timbers provide information on the types of wood used for residential and nonresidential buildings located in different environments. Timber types from different structure contexts, in turn, provide data on cultural aspects of construction material selection relating to material availability, functionality, and symbolism. All three factors were important and interrelated. Mississippian builders clearly considered and used different raw materials for residences and nonresidences. Wood selection also varied with the status level of the occupant, the user, or the building itself, particularly with respect to exotic woods. Consistent with the Mississippian-period community model proposed by Thomas E. Emerson, exotic wood symbolism did not extend into all aspects of ritual. Finally, the culturally mediated selection process changed through time, coincident with changes in social organization that characterized the late Mississippian period.

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1. **How to do that is shown on the final slides of this guide.**
  2. **Before that...searching Historical Abstracts.**

# The Search Screen for Historical Abstracts

This database covers the old world – everything but the Americas.

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