

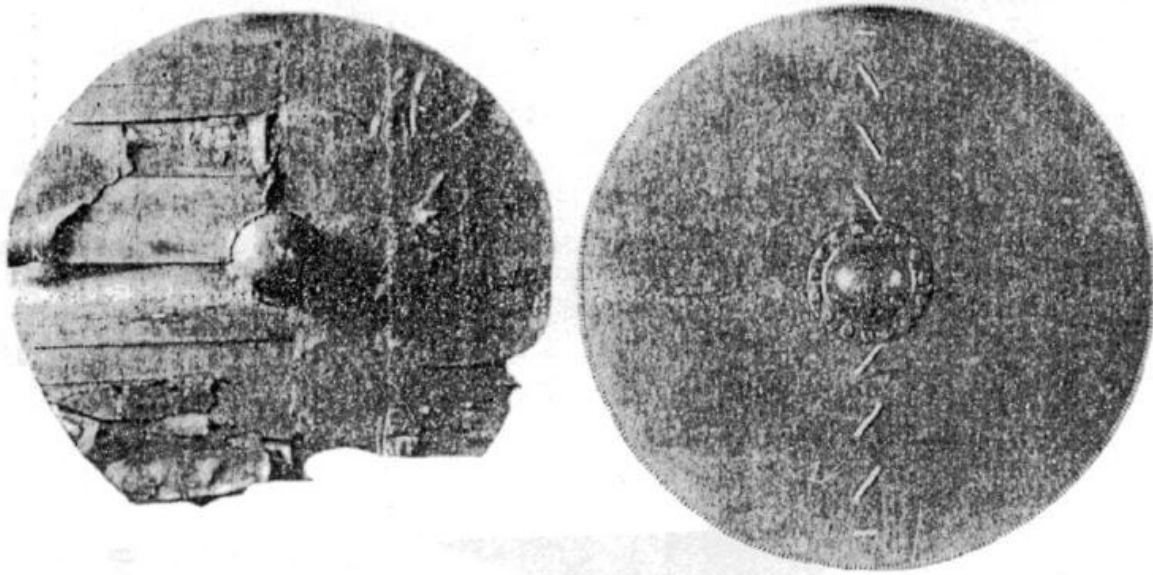


Found in Trelleborg in Denmark



The same shield after it had been cleaned

Viking shields – the evidence



Found in Latvia. On the left is the shield that was found. On the right is a modern reconstruction.

Dated to the ninth century by nearby artefacts, this near intact shield is constructed of six spruce or fir planks of wood. The shield's diameter is 85.5 cm, the thickness of the planks is 0.6 cm. It is covered on both front and rear faces with leather, with pressed grass laid beneath, probably for shock-absorbing purposes. The leather is fixed somehow [1] at the edge

There were a few shields found on the Gokstad ship. They had been painted different colours. This tells us that many Viking shields would have been painted too.