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From: "Peter Blake" <moirablake@waitrose.com>
Date: 17 April 2014 11:43
To: <ticfaversham@btconnect.com>
Subject: Gunpowder barrels enquiry

Dear sirs

I am a volunteer researcher with The Royal Gunpowder Mills at Waltham Abbey. We have a query from the Jamestown Cooperage. They wish to accurately recreate the gunpowder barrels for a colonial era exhibit in the magazine. Can you throw any light on the markings of gunpowder barrels in that era. I would be most grateful for anything you can come up with

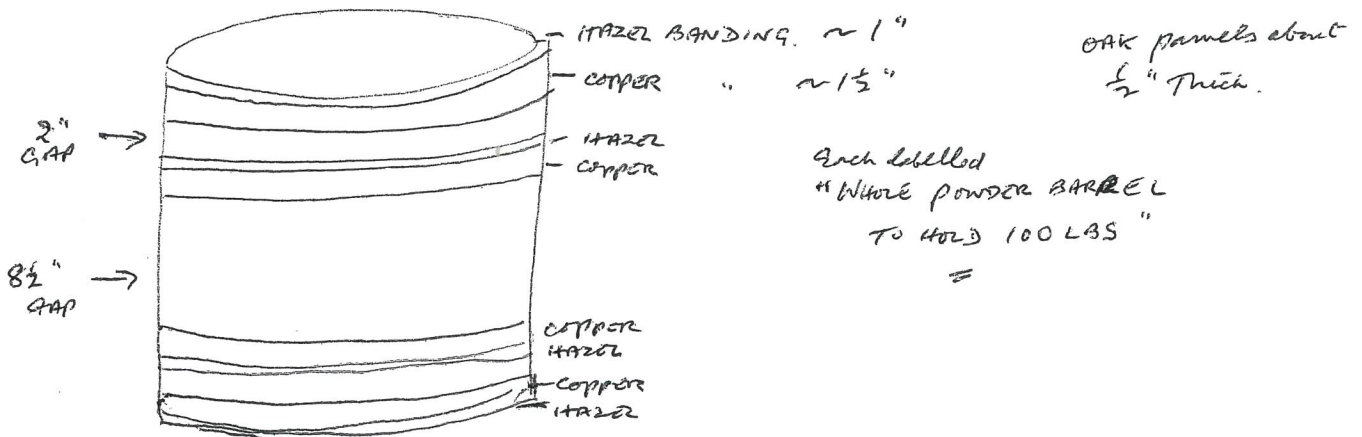
Yours Faithfully

Peter Blake

18 APR.

Dear Peter,

I, too am a volunteer but at the GREAT GUNPOWDER MILLS MUSEUM in Faversham.
 We do not have any written notes about gunpowder barrels but we do have three reproduction barrels which I am told came from UPNOR CASTLE which used to be a magazine for Major Hall who owned the Faversham works.
 They are made of OAK with copper and hazel banding. $16\frac{1}{2}$ " diam, 21" tall.



Sorry I have not got a photo to hand.

If you would like to visit us sometime, any day by agreement.
 please ring me 01795 - 534915 (Home) or leave EMail note
 for me as above.

Hope this helps,

Best wishes,
 John Breezer

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