

## Mathematical models: from sundials to number engines Wooden tallies for buying beer

## Narrator

Records of deliveries to this Oxford pub used to be kept on special tallies, made from flat pieces of wood.

The draymen recorded the number of barrels of each type of beer, with sets of notches along the edges of the tally. And like most invoices, this 19<sup>th</sup> century ale account had copies for both buyer, and seller.