

Table 1 The four-point ranking scale used in the historical catalogue.

Rank	Description	Explanation
4	Definite event	Corroborated by multiple sources or historical texts. Sources are reliable and trustworthy.
3	Confirmed event	The event is confirmed by (a) reliable source(s), but an element of the event remains questionable or unknown.
2	Probable event	Recognised as an event within the catalogue, but more data are required to confirm occurrence and impact.
1	Questionable event	Based on inference, modelling or physical data only. This may be questionable.