

Fig. 4. mortarium and flagon stamps.

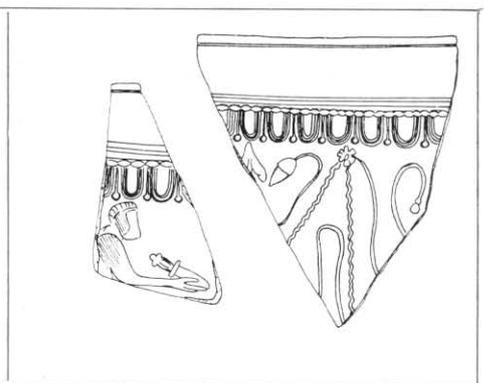


Fig 5. Samian, 5. Gaulish, Dr. 30

association with a namestamp. The form of this fragment would fit well with a date of c.A.D. 60-95.

All four stamped mortaria are in the granulated ware typical of the Brockley Hill potteries.

#### Flagon Stamp (fig. 4)

Part of a double-stamp on the neck of a flagon in granulated pinkish-buff ware. Almost certainly from a flagon of two-handled, Hofheim type and similar to No. 15. It is not at present possible to identify this stamp and only the finding of more complete examples will enable it to be read. It is the first recorded flagon stamp from the Brockley Hill potteries.

#### Samian Ware

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*Dr. 30 South Gaulish* (fig. 5). This is by far the earliest and the most interesting piece of Samian from Brockley Hill.

The fabric is pink and fine, with small cream-coloured flecks, the slip red and very glossy. Like the ware, the form of the vessel suggests an early date. There is a small double-bordered ovolo with a plain,

bead-tipped tongue. Relatively little of the decoration survives; it consists of panels, some with figure-types, some with cruciform arrangements of stems and leaves. One figure-type only remains, the Vulcan, 0.70A.

There are two very close parallels for this vessel. One, unstamped and not attributed to a potter by Knorr, is from Mainz, and is illustrated in *Knorr* 1952, Taf. 67B. The other is from Usk, Monmouthshire, and was published by G. C. Boon in *Monmouthshire Antiquary* 1 (Part 2), 1962, p.29. The Usk vessel bears the mould-maker's stamp MARTIALIS F. There is no doubt that the three vessels, Mainz, Usk and Brockley Hill, are products of the same workshop. Knorr dates Martialis c.50-60 A.D., and the general style of these pieces supports this. Recent excavations at Usk have produced much Neronian and some Claudian material, showing that the MARTIALIS form 30, found in the 19th century, fits in well at the site.

The Brockley Hill piece should be of Claudian to early Neronian date.

## Current Activities

### EXCAVATIONS

**Fulham**, by Fulham and Hammersmith Historical Society. Excavation of Fulham Pottery under the direction of V. R. Christophers. Experienced diggers required to excavate and record key areas; also to survey, record architectural detail and work on processing (see *the London Archaeologist* Vol. 1 No. 11). Inquiries to V. R. Christophers, c/o 10 Church Gate, Fulham, S.W.6.

### PROCESSING

**Fulham**—see above.

**Putney**, by Wandsworth Historical Society. Work on the prehistoric and Roman material from Bemish

Road, Putney takes place 7.30-9.30 p.m. on Friday nights (except the last one of the month) during term times at Hotham School (top floor), Hotham Road, Putney, S.W.15.

**Southwark**, by Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society and Southwark Archaeological Excavation Committee. Mondays and Thursdays 6.30-9 p.m. at Montague Chambers, Montague Close (adjoining Southwark Cathedral near London Bridge); Tuesdays 6.30-9 p.m. at Archaeological Workshop, Archbishop Temple School Annexe, Westminster Bridge Road (near Lambeth North Underground Station). General inquiries to Graham Dawson, Cuming Museum, Walworth Road, S.E.17 (703 6514).