SOME ADDITIONS TO PROFESSOR HUBNER'S LIST OF ROMAN POTTERS' MARKS DISCOVERED IN BRITAIN.

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The following additions to Dr. Hübner's list of Roman potters' marks are simply those which have come under my notice, either in communications on Roman discoveries which I have received from the finders, or from personal observation. It probably does not embrace a tenth part of the total of his omissions, but I have thought it as well to put them upon record, as a contribution towards a more perfect list, which may be at some future time compiled. Except where I have otherwise stated, the whole of them occur upon *patellae*.

The first I shall name were found in Kent, where, at Westborough near Maidstone, a "Samian" patella was turned up marked CONATIVS. F.

At Ightham, in the same county, on a *patella* found was stamped DIVIXI.

On "Samian" ware found at Papcastle in 1868 these names are stamped: SATVRNNI. OF., MAMML., and . . FRICI. MA. The first letters on the last named are broken off.

At Lincoln the following are Dr. Hübner's omissions:—

On "Samian ware:—MACRIANI. M. —

. NDECNIM — VOCEV . F (?) . — ATILIANI . M —


On the handle of an amphora, OSASER.

On a vessel of pale red ware, SOLIVS. F.

At Lancaster the omissions are:—

On "Samian" ware:—A. POLAVSTI . — SVLPLICIANI —. TICOTAKI . M

—. DAGODVN . VV . — DIVES ., — ANIRACIONEB ., — IMANNI ., and SITV

At Alchester, Oxfordshire. On "Samian" ware:—BIRR. — DAGODVNVS.

—CVCCII.

At Uttoxeter. On "Samian" ware, OF. IVCVN.

On part of a mortarium, ... L. FECIT.

At Canterbury. On Samian ware:—MACCIUS — ALBCWESTI. M.

At Horncastle. On Samian fragment, . . . ILLIANI.

At Caister, near Norwich. On Samian ware:—DVPIVS. F. — SVOBNED. OF.

At Market Overton, Rutlandshire. On "Samian" ware:—QVINTI. M and DOV...

In a Roman villa at Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts. On "Samian" ware, ALBVS.

At Cirencester there are a large number omitted, Dr. Hübner not having, as far as I can trace his list, given any "Samian" potters' names,
and only one of those of the makers of amphorae. There occur here on “Samian” ware:


VIRIL . — VIMPVS . — — ACCALIM .

Although a number of these names occur elsewhere, a few of them are new to the antiquary.

At Cirencester also the following stamps occur upon the handles of amphorae:


MAY .

At York there occurs on “Samian” ware found in 1869, VALLONI . M .

At Rochester on “Samian” ware found in 1860, MATERNS .

On a Samian patera found at Water Newton, 1872, MARCH .

At Combe Park, Warwickshire, a fragment of “Samian” ware occurred, marked DIVIX .

At Eatington Park, in the same county, Samian ware stamped SATVRNINI . OF was found.

At Herringfleet in Suffolk a “Samian” patera marked Q . ATTINS . was found.

At Bourton on the Water, Gloucestershire, the following stamps were found on “Samian” ware:

CALAVA . OF . — LVCINI . OF — MACERATI . — CHATO . —

QVINTI . — SACKRONI . — SAVNAI . — VICTORINVS . F . —

RLAV . F .

At Stoke Ash, Suffolk, occurred on “Samian” ware, ALBVCI .

At Bittern (Clausentum) near Southampton, the following names occur on Samian:

CRESCENI . SEVERI . MALIVRN . AMATICI OP .


OF . NIGRI . ADVOCISL .

At Sedbury, Monmouthshire, the late Dr. Ormerod found in 1860, Samian ware stamped thus:—DEGNTOMI . DOCIV . F ., and ANN . M .

At East Bridgford, Notts, there occurs—on “Samian” ware, FLO .

On part of the handle of a mortarium, .. GVDV .

At Deddington “Samian” ware was found marked DONATVS .

At Weston Turville, Bucks, in 1855, were found two “Samian” vessels marked MVXTVLLIM and METTI . M .
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At the great station at Malton, Yorkshire, “Samian” ware thus marked has been found:

OF. PONT. — O... CART. — CAVA. — R... FE. — VNICVS. —
OF. FVS. — MARO... — C. ARVS. — ZATTOM. — SAVCIRO. —
.... NVS.

At Titsey, Surrey, on the bottom of a fragment of a “Samian” bowl found in the Roman villa there, se —.

On a piece of “Samian” ware found in the last century at the Roman station at Llanvair-ar-y Bryn, South Wales, DISATI.

On “Samian” ware found in 1848 at Abergavenny, IULIN.

At Leicester, on “Samian” ware found many years ago, now in the museum there:

PRIMANI. — MACRINI., — ALBINVS. — ALBVSA. —
CICVR —

On a mortarium, C. VIDA.

On handles of amphorae, MARTINH. — LSIVPI. — ARDV.

On “Samian” ware at Kinderton, Cheshire, CINNAMM.

In London, during the excavations for the Cannon Street Station, the following potters’ marks were found, which had not been previously known there, though some occurred elsewhere, but Dr. Hübner has omitted them. They are all on Samian ware bowls, or patellae:

AVCANI, AMICO, CACCARI, CARVS. F, CELADI, COSRV. F, ESERCI., IVIENI. M, OF. PARE., OF. PATCIO.,
PRVSO., RIPPINI., SACIOS. FE. SACIRO, TRIV. F.,
VLTOR, VIIOCENSI., VEVS.

There were also varieties of several of the stamps given by Dr. Hübner, as occurring in London, but with the following exceptions, they were hardly worth noticing. These were OF. MONTOR and O. MOMA. The abbreviations of the first of these had previously never exceeded OF. MONTO, and in the case of the second o MOM., OF., MOM and Momi. M, if indeed the latter is the same name.

At Gillingham, Dorset, there was found in a Roman villa, in 1869, a fragment of “Samian” ware stamped ADVOCASIO.

On the celebrated “Pan Rock,” off Whitstable, numbers of Samian paterae occur, marked CARATILLI.

At Chesterford, Essex, there were found, prior to 1825, Samian vessels stamped ARILIS. F (probably APRILIS) and AVENT.

At Camerton near Bath “Samian” ware stamped GLVPI. M and OF. SECVIN. was found in the last century.

A fragment of a small olla of black ware was found some years ago in a Roman villa at Holbury Copse near East Dean, Hants, marked BERAE.

At Colchester the late Mr. Wire found in 1848 “Samian” ware marked:—MXMI. OF. and APIRI.

Also the handle of an amphora inscribed:—IVNL. NI

In 1837 the handle of a “large white earthen vessel” was found at Colchester inscribed—SE. X.I.V.

At Stanway, near the same town, some years ago a fragment of Samian, stamped MARTI, was found.

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At West Tilbury in Essex a "Samian" patera was found marked DACMNA.

Such appear to be the omissions, which I know of, in Dr. Hübner's list. I will now give some additional potters' marks, found since the publication of his work.

In Leicester was found in 1873, on a fragment of "lustrous yellow marbled pottery (vide Builder, Nov. 15th, 1873) the mark, OF. MAPOMI. Mr. C. Roach Smith says that this is the only instance, of which he is aware, of this kind of pottery bearing a maker's name. In 1874 a fragment of "Samian" in the same town occurred, inscribed,...TLM.

On the handle of an amphora found recently at Colchester is the mark, MANNYLSV.

At Little Chester (near Derby) a fragment of "Samian" ware found in 1874 was inscribed, SAMOGENI. Mr. Franks (Proc. Soc. Antiq., 2nd series, vi, 119) remarks that this potter's name was new to England. It had been found some years before at Cirencester.

In 1876-7 the following were found on "Samian" ware at Cirencester:

- BVCCVLAN. M, OF. ABANI, CELSIO M., . . . . CSEF.
- MASCILLI O, OF. PRIMI, MA . . FN. M., . . . . VITAN.

At Templeborough, during the excavations in 1877, there occurred on a "Samian" vessel apparently as a potters' mark, VIVVINIII.

In 1876 at Charterhouse, Somerset, on the site of the Roman town a "Samian" bowl occurred, with the well known potter's mark, A. POL. AVST. Another fragment at the same place was marked, . . . R. V. and a portion of a colander, IVI . V.

In London in 1873, during the construction of the National Safe Deposit Company's premises, and those of Messrs. Allen, Hanbury and Co., in Plough court, Lombard street, Mr. J. E. Price tells us that "Samian" ware, with the following new stamps, was found (besides numerous stamps, copies of which have previously been found):

- ALISCO. O . , OFIC. BRICAT., BVCCVS., CESSSTILL. M . , FORTIONIS . ,
- GABRILLI M . , GEMANSCT., IVENIS F, LAVRTI O . , OF.
- LICINAA . , LENTIS F., MASCILVS. F., NOTIO., ONATOS ., PRIVS . ,
- RYTA. FE . , SITICVLA. F . , SvA . DUVLIVS ., TASCVLIVS.

This last had previously been found in a fragmentary state, but not complete. In addition to these, there was found at the same time a copy of the stamp ROPPI . RVI. M. Dr. Hübner gives a copy of this amongst his list of "Pravae Lectionis," but it appears to have been previously correctly copied also. Amongst the other stamps found were two BRACISILLO and IVCVNIV, which probably belong to the same potters as those named BRACKILLO and OP. IVCVN in Dr. Hübner's London list.

On a fragment of light coloured ware occurred the name MANERTVS.

On an amphora handle found at the same time, CVAVIS.

Mr. C. Roach Smith has recently published an account of a great quantity of Roman pottery, forming the collection of the late Mr. Teanby, which was chiefly obtained at Higham and Shorne near Gravesend, with a few from the Pan Rock, off Whitstable. Those that bear potters' marks are only about thirty in number, and the whole of the stamps are as follows:—
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Besides these there occurred on the rim of a mortarium—

VS. F.

CATVI.

And on two Samian bowls, known to have come from Whitstable, TAVRINVS. F.

At Usk during the excavations carried on in 1877-8 by Mr. A. D. Berrington, the following occurred upon “Samian” ware:

MARTIALIS. F., OF. NIGRI, CINTVS. M., OFIC. PRIMI., IVGVI . . . ., OFFI. I . . . ., OFFEIC . ., ATTIGI. M., BELL . . . , CAV. PIF . . . .

On the handles of amphorae:—SARNINI., MOSR., PROCVINI., VIR. (this latter occurred reversed in several handles.)

On the rim of a cream coloured mortarium, C. ATISIVS.

On the lips of other red mortaria DOMI., IOVIN . . . , and HVRS, the latter reversed.

Mr. John Bellows informs me that he has recently found “Samian” ware at Gloucester, with the following makers’ names, which are new to that site:

C. ARVSSA ., ANDEGENM, OELSIANIF., IVLINI . M . . . ., VNDINIM . M . . RCVSSFM.

At Carlisle Mr. R. S. Ferguson says, Samian ware was recently found stamped ADVOCISI and CRACVNA.

Recent excavations at South Shields have brought to light a number of potters’ marks, some of them believed to be new to Britain, but from what has hitherto appeared on the subject, many of them have apparently been erroneously read. Those which seem correct are GENITOR. F., EVATTVS. F., QUADRATI., and INNICISI.

At Chester there have been recently found the following stamps, which I have inspected. On “Samian” ware, OF. ABAII and DOVICCSVS.

On an amphora handle, FSQMMNAVNL. (The M is much obliterated and I may have wrongly read it. The a and v are ligulate.)

On the lip of an olba DOINV.

In a Roman shaft at Ashill, in Norfolk, have recently been found a number of vessels stamped:

REGINVS. F., M. IVBILVS ., VIRTHVS ., OFMCCAC ., OF. I * * * * NIS ., and VRILIS.

On “Samian” recently found at Billericay, Essex, DACMVS ., occurs.

At Earl Stonham, in Suffolk, a piece of “Samian” ware stamped SEVERI., was recently found.

Considerable excavations at Irchester and Binchester, recently undertaken, have revealed a great number of potters’ stamps, not yet available,
with the exception of LOCCL on the spout of a mortarium at the latter place.

Since writing the above I have noticed one or two other examples.

On a lamp found with other Roman remains at Caergurli in 1828, NINL occurs.

On the bottom of a "Samian" vessel found at Beachamwell, Norfolk, in 1846, containing coins, was stamped, SOSIMI. M.

At St. Albans, DONAT., and SEV * * * occur on "Samian."

No doubt by research I could add greatly to the list, but for the present this will suffice.