

Chapter 9 : The Pottery

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The Stamps (fig D9.29)

1. FIGLIN·ACIRGI || M·S·MAVRIA ...[
Callender 18(b); Remesal Rodríguez 52; Funari 208.
A two-lined *in ansa* stamp on a Dressel 20 amphora. Made in La Catria on the River Guadalquivir in Baetica. Funari dates this stamp to the third century AD. TF73, unstratified (Northern *vicus*).
2. FSCIM || NIANI
Callender 1579; Remesal Rodríguez 314; Funari 230.
A two-lined *in ansa* stamp, worn and shallowly impressed on a Dressel 20 amphora. Made in Las Delicias on the River Genil in Baetica. Funari writes that the Scimniano estate was certainly operating by AD 161 as dated by *titulus delta* inscription (CIL XV, 4350) (Symonds and Wade 1999, 159) and this stamp is dated at Monte Testaccio to AD 214-222. Birley found five examples of the variant F.SCIMNIANO at Carpow, Perthshire (Birley 1963-4, 202) with another found during the excavations from 1964-79 (Dore and Wilkes 1999, 543); five examples from Cramond, Edinburgh (Holmes 2003, 48) and 11 examples at Corbridge (Callendar 1949, 108). This stamp and its variants are common in the north during the later Antonine to Severn period with the two-lined version of F.SCIMNIANI significantly rarer than the single lined alternative or F. SCIMNIANO variants. TF74, 2 B (N) (Northern *vicus*).
3. L·I·...[
No parallels found.
Letters are individually impressed in serif lettering below the base of a strap handle. Hard red-brown fabric throughout with occasional white inclusions. Unknown type. TT77, C 7 (Fort: Courtyard building).
4. L.F.O
Callender 856; Remesal Rodríguez 128.
In ansa stamp on Dressel 20 amphora, reading is difficult but probably correct. Possibly L. Fabius Optatus from Aratispi in Baetica. Callender dates it to AD 30 - c. 80, Remesal Rodriguez to the Flavian-Trajanic period. TF74, 94C (Northern *vicus*).

- 5 A.CIRGI
Callender 18; Remesal Rodríguez 51; Funari 22.
In ansa on Dressel 20 amphora. Callendar dates this stamp to *c.* AD 90-140.; Remesal Rodríguez to the third century; Funari states a date from AD 220-2 from Monte Testaccio. TF74, 14B (Northern *vicus*).
- 6 DEF
Callender 525.
D.E.(gnatii or nnii). *In ansa* on Dressel 20 amphora. Probably second century. HS, 1206 (Fort: berm/*intervallum* road).
- 7 D[
In ansa on Dressel 20 amphora. HH70, B15 2 (Villa).
- 8 L ISIL || ESTRI
Callender 877; Remesal Rodríguez 175.
In ansa on Dressel 20. Probably first half second century. TT77, C7 (Fort: Courtyard building).
- 9 QMS
Callender 1482; Remesal Rodríguez 214.
Dated at Monte Testaccio to the second half of the second century.
No context information.
- 10 VIN
Probably Callender 1788.
No context information.

Catalogue entries for fig. 9.27

1. Amphora base. Eastern Mediterranean black sand fabric. HS80, 1191 (ACK) (*vicus* Building 1).
2. Body of a Biv amphora, with a red slip over the shoulder (PW 45). Probable *post-cocturam* inscription on shoulder. TF75, contexts 4, 8 and 10 (Northern *vicus*).
3. Rim. Sicilian mid-Roman amphora 1. HS80, 1313 (ADE) (Offset ditch).
4. Rim. Chalk 6 amphora. HS79, 913 (TS) and 415 (UK) (Inner ditch).
5. Rim. North African amphora, Keay XXXVB type. HS79, 902 (SF) (Inner ditch).
6. Rim. Volcanic amphora (Arthur 1982). HS80, 1191 (ACK) and ACN (*vicus* Building 1).
7. Rim. Soft dull buff to brown fabric with grey core. Micaceous with common, small, sub-rounded brown (ferrous) inclusions and common, small quartz. TF74, FZ (Northern *vicus*).
8. Rim. Hard, sandy red-brown fabric. Possibly North African. HS76, 15 (AT) (Inner ditch).

9. Body sherds of a Dressel 20 (PW 25) amphora. *Ante-cocturam* graffito depiction of a sailing vessel with a circle to one side. The hull, keel, mast and part of the sail are clearly discernible. HS80, 1435 (AHC) (Fort: north-west corner).
10. Rim. Highly micaceous buff fabric similar to Biv. GV74, 12 1B.

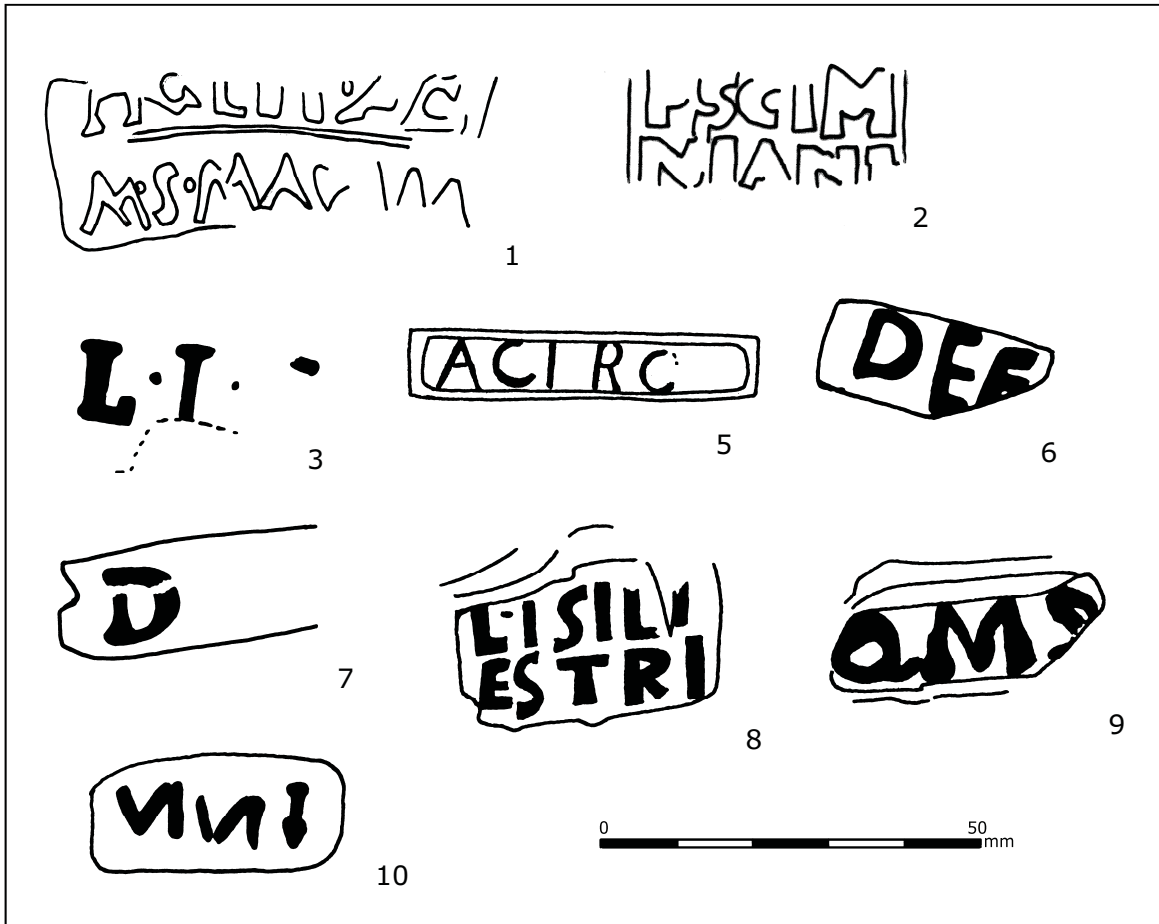


Fig. D9.30. Amphorae stamps. Scale 1:1