

## Assessment of the Pottery from Goodenough's Bakery, Castleford, West Yorkshire (OSA06 WB39)

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A small assemblage of pottery was recovered from Goodenough's Bakery, Castleford, West Yorkshire, during an archaeological watching brief carried out by On-Site Archaeology Ltd (Site Code: OSA06 WB39). The finds consist of a group of Roman pottery including several substantial vessel fragments, dating to the early 2<sup>nd</sup> to early 3<sup>rd</sup> centuries.

### Description

#### Pottery

Twenty-one fragments of Roman pottery, representing no more than 17 vessels and weighing in total 3.962 Kg, were recorded using the classification used at York by Monaghan (Monaghan 1997).

*Table 1*

Cname	Name	Sum of Nosh	Sum of NoV	Sum of Weight
AP25	Dressel 20 amphora	3	1	2184
B0	Miscellaneous Black Burnished ware	1	1	9
B1	Dorset Black Burnished ware	2	1	111
M0	Miscellaneous Mortaria	1	1	1103
M15	Mancetter-Hartshill Mortaria	1	1	131
O0	Miscellaneous Oxidized wares	1	1	4
P0	Miscellaneous White ware Verulamium Region	2	2	24
P8	Whiteware	1	1	5
S0	Samian ware	9	8	391
Grand Total		21	17	3962

The wares present are mainly typical of pottery from Romanised settlements in the north of England with a number of vessels imported from other provinces (AP25, S0) or other parts of Britannia (e.g. B1, M15 and P8). The imports include sherds from a globular amphora with a stamp on the handle (Fig 1).

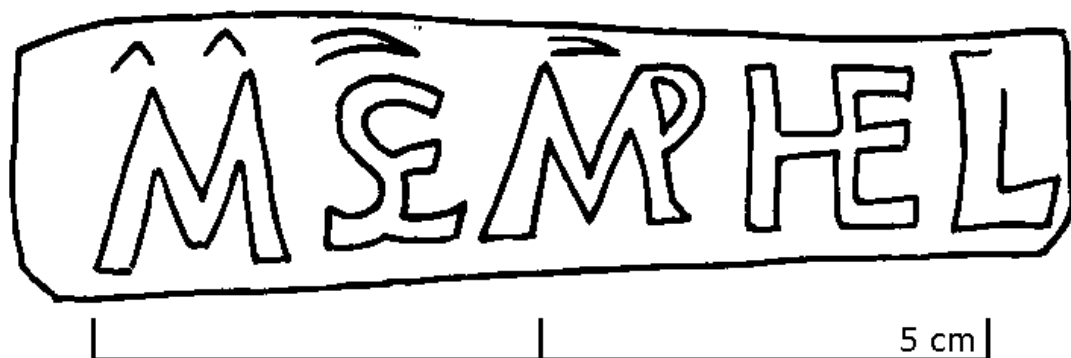


*Figure 1*

Dr P Tyers comments that the stamp is known from Germany, Mainz and Rottweil, and that Callendar 1176 is probably the same although it is an old CIL record with no drawing of the stamp.

Drawings of both the Mainz and Rottweill stamps are present in the CEIPAC database maintained by the University of Barcelona (<http://ceipac.gh.ub.es/>).

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*Figure 2*

*Typology: Dressel\_20\_(Baetica)*

*Find place: Rottweil (Germany), Fläche 1,1-2, Grube Befund-Nr.7*

*Conservation place: Museum Rottweil*

Dating: -

Observations: -

Literature:

0425 [C] REMESAL RODRIGUEZ J. (1997). Heeresversorgung und die wirtschaftlichen beziehungen zwischen der Baetica und Germanien-Corpus der in Deutschland gefundenen stempell auf amphoren Dr.20. Kommissionsverlag, Konrad Theiss , Stuttgart; n°301.

Stamp: MSEMPHEL

Conservation: [M(SE)(MP)(HE)L]

Location: in ansa

Direction: Directa [dr20-14855.php\_files/14885.gif]

Relief: litt. extantibus

Observations: -

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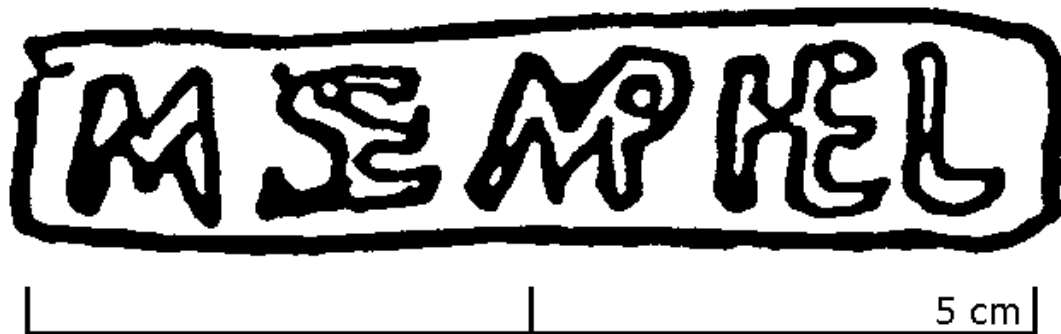


Figure 3

Typology: Dressel\_20\_(Baetica)

Find place: Theaterumbau (Mainz, Germany), Fundamente des Vorbaues;  
25.1.1910.

Conservation place: Landesmuseum Mainz; 25.1.1910; nicht auffindbar / I2  
,1905-1935, 41.

Dating: -

Observations: -

Literature:

2527 [C] EHMIG U. (2003). Der Römischen Amphoren aus Mainz. Frankfurter Archäologische Schriften, 4.- Bibliopolis, Möhnesee; n°176.

Stamp: MSEMPHEL

Conservation: [M(SE)(MP)(HE)L]

Location: in ansa

Direction: Directa [dr20-19369.php\_files/19369.gif]

Relief: litt. extantibus

*Observations:* -

The Dorset Black Burnished vessel is an everted rimmed jar of mid 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>-century type (Gillam 1957, 132-3) and it is this vessel which provided a terminus post quem for the assemblage.

The vessel forms represented in the assemblage include storage vessels (amphora); drinking vessels (two flagons, a Samian form 27 cup and a beaker); food preparation vessels (two mortaria) and jars, none of which show signs of use.

**Table 2**

Form	Sum of Nosh	Sum of NoV	Sum of Weight
?	1	1	17
27	1	1	6
37	7	6	368
AMPH	3	1	2184
BEAKER	1	1	4
FLAG	2	2	24
JAR	3	2	116
MORT	2	2	1234
SMALL JAR	1	1	9
Grand Total	21	17	3962

**Assessment**

The pottery all comes from a single context, 007, and could form a contemporary assemblage dating to the mid 2<sup>nd</sup> century to early 3<sup>rd</sup> century. However, three of the vessels are abraded and may be residual. All are quite small sherds.

The lack of Nene Valley colour coated vessels may suggest that a date towards the beginning of this range is most likely.

**Retention**

All of the pottery should be retained for future study.

**Further Work**

No further work is recommended although if the site is to be published then a report on the Samian ware should be commissioned.

**Bibliography**

Gillam, J. P. (1957) "Types of Roman Coarse Pottery vessels in Northern Britain." *Archaeol Aeliana*, 4th ser, 35, 180-251

Monaghan, Jason (1997) *Roman Pottery from York*. The Archaeology of York 16/8 York, Council for British Archaeology

**Appendix 1**

Context	Cname	Description	Form	Part	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Condition
007	AP25	STAMP ON HANDLE	AMPH	R;H;BS	3	1	2184	
007	P8		JAR	BS	1	1	5	
007	M15		MORT	B	1	1	131	
007	P0		FLAG	B	1	1	19	ABRA
007	P0		FLAG	BS	1	1	5	
007	B0		SMALL JAR	B	1	1	9	ABRA
007	O0		BEAKER	R	1	1	4	ABRA
007	B1	GILLAM 132-3; M2- E3	JAR	R;BS	2	1	111	
007	M0		MORT	PROF	1	1	1103	
007	S0		27	R	1	1	6	
007	S0		37	B	1	1	251	
007	S0		37	B	1	1	38	
007	S0		37	R	1	1	27	
007	S0		37	BS	4	3	52	
007	S0		?	BS	1	1	17	