

W77 (7/20)4 A small section of a Dressel 20 amphora handle containing an incomplete stamp. The impression of the stamp is well-worn and the letters are a little difficult to make out. A tentative reading might be..... If this is a correct interpretation, it is possible that the stamp represented is PNN retro. Variations on this stamp appear on a number of British sites and over forty examples are known at Monte Testaccio, where it is dated AD 160-210? (Callender, 1965, No. 1358). The stamp PNN is associated with the production site of El Tejillo, south-west of Arva, on the banks of the River Guadalquivir, in what was the Roman province of Baetica (Ponsich, 1974, 145-151). Dressel 20 is the most common amphora form to be found in Roman Britain and carried olive-oil (Williams and Peacock, 1983).

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