

# Appendix 2. Catalogue of Samian Pottery from Foxton

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### Introduction

The *terra sigillata* from the works at Foxton (c.1994) includes an extraordinary collection of early imports evidently from Italy and Southern Gaul that pre-date, or potentially pre-date, the Claudian invasion (see Chapter 4.I, Class S). They are a surprise given their number, and the fact that they come from an area not otherwise known to have yielded similar or contemporary ceramics in number (although a Dr 11 crater, understood to be Arretine, has been previously recorded; Fox 1923, 100, pl. XXII 3a), yet a find-spot for such wares in eastern England is not entirely unprecedented. Approximately 24 early vessels (that is pre-dating or potentially pre-dating the Claudian invasion) are present amongst the examined assemblage.

Numbers appearing in a triangle on the bags are taken to represent Small Find (SF) numbers. Note: The pottery items sent appear not necessarily to include all items specified in the report published by Lucas (1997, 49–88). For example, pit 3607 (lower fill 3496) is said to have contained a Loeschcke 8 cup, 3494 Loeschcke 8 and 10 cups and types 1 and 2 platters, fill 3493 Loeschcke platters (2), and fill 3492 a Loeschcke 11 cup. Some variation between the identifications appearing in Lucas' report and the present catalogue are to be anticipated, as the types vary in details and one form may grade into another.

### Catalogue of the *Terra Sigillata*

#### Context 22, SF 40

Base sherd, Dr 33, CG Lezoux, 37g, BE: 0.62, Diam. 50mm, c.AD 150–80. The vessel is stamped CINTVSMIM being a stamp of Cintusmus i (Die 2a); Dr 33s with this die occur at London and Great Chesterford (Hartley and Dickinson, 2009, 38-43). A scored cross with a further scored line through the centre occurs within the footring, with a further (? deliberate) scored line to one side. The vessel appears to have been trimmed round at the junction of the wall and floor. The footring is worn.

#### Context 735

Two conjoining body sherds (probably a fresh break), CG Lezoux, beaker, probably Déch. 67, 4g, c.AD 120–150.

Rim sherd, CG Lezoux, Dr 33, 8g, RE: 0.08, Diam. 160mm, c.AD 120–200. The sherd is triangular in shape and a scored line parallel with a break suggests the sherd may have been deliberately shaped.

Body sherd (flake), CG Lezoux, form not identifiable (possibly Dr 33), 2g, c.AD 120–200. Pale fabric.

Rim sherd and a body sherd (not conjoining), CG Lezoux, Dr 32, 60g, RE: 0.10, Diam. 250mm, c.AD 170–200.

#### Context 2042

Two base sherds and nine body sherds, all conjoining, CG Lezoux, Dr 33, 37g, BE: 0.60, Diam. 60mm, c.AD 120–200. Stamped 'SEVERIOFF'; the attribution of this vessel to a particular potter, presumably one of the Lezoux Severi, is uncertain. The vessel has disintegrated into laminar fractures.

#### Context 2050/2052

Rim sherd, CG Lezoux, Dr 18/31, 2g, RE: 0.05, Diam. 170mm, c.AD 120–150.

Body sherd, CG Lezoux, Dr 31, 16g, c.AD 150–200.

#### Context 2108

Rim sherd, SG La Grauf., Dr 29, 4g, RE: c.0.04, Diam. uncertain, c.AD 40–70.

Base sherd, SG La Grauf., cup, probably Dr 27g, 9g, BE: 0.33, Diam. 50mm, c.AD 40–90.

Body sherd, SG La Grauf., Dr 15/17, 2g, c.AD 40–100.

#### Context 2174

Base sherd, SG La Grauf., probably Ritt. 12, 13g, BE: 0.40, Diam. 50mm, c.AD 40–70.

#### Context 2294

Base sherd, SG La Grauf., Dr 15/17 or 18, 11g, BE: 0.02, Diam. uncertain, c.AD 40–100.

**Context 2406**

Body sherd, CG Lezoux, form not identifiable, 1g, c. AD 120–145.

**Context 2445**

Body sherd, SG La Grauf., from a closed form, probably a beaker, 1g, c.AD 40–100. Deep red fabric.

**Context 2748**

Two conjoining rim sherds, probably Arezzo, Loeschcke 8, 6g, RE: 0.12, Diam. 110mm, c.AD 10–35.

**Context 3088**

Rim sherd, SG La Grauf., small Dr 24/25, 5g, RE: 0.17, Diam. 80mm, c.AD 40–70.

Body sherd, SG La Grauf., probably Dr 18, 4g, c.AD 40–100. Burnt.

**Context 3178**

Body sherd, Italian, cup, 1g, c.AD 1–40.

Rim sherd, SG La Grauf., Dr 17, 5g, RE: 0.06, Diam. 230mm, c.AD 30–50.

Rim sherd, probably Italian, Loeschcke 2a/Dr 17, 4g, RE: 0.07, Diam. 200mm, c.AD 30–45. Burnt.

Rim sherd, SG La Grauf., Service 1 variant with upstanding rim with collar upper wall, 3g, RE: c.0.04, Diam. c.180mm, c.AD 35–55.

**Context 3186**

Rim sherd, probably Italian, Loeschcke 2a/Dr 17, 6g, RE: 0.08, Diam. 140mm, c.AD 25–40.

**Context 3187**

Body sherd, Italian, form not identifiable, perhaps a cup, 3g, c.AD 10–40.

**Context 3188**

Rim sherd, Italian, platter, probably Dr 17, 1g, RE: c.0.03, Diam. uncertain, c.AD 1–25.

Two conjoining rim sherds, early SG (Lyon or La Graufesenque), Dr 17, 7g, RE: 0.08 Diam. 220, c.AD 5–35

Two body sherds (non-conjoining but evidently from the same vessel; one from the junction of the vessel wall and floor, the other from the floor), early SG probably Lyon, platter, 3g, c.AD 5–35.

Body sherd, early SG probably Lyon, platter (different vessel to the two other body sherds), 4g, c.AD 5–35. Slightly burnt?

Rim sherd, probably Italian, Loeschcke 2a, 9g, RE: 0.05, Diam. 240mm, c.AD 15–40. The same vessel is represented in contexts 3493 and 3494.

Body sherd, SG La Grauf. cup, 1g, c.AD 25–40.

**Context 3281**

Wall sherd, probably SG La Grauf., Dr 17, 9g, c.AD 30–45. Similar to Oswald and Pryce 1920 Pl. XLII No. 7. High quality surface gloss. Burnt.

**Context 3298**

Rim sherd, SG La Grauf., Dr 29, 5g, RE: c.0.03, Diam. uncertain, c.AD 40–100.

**Context 3453**

Rim sherd, SG La Grauf., probably a large Dr 27, but possibly a small Dr 27, 2g, RE: 0.06, Diam. 140mm, c.AD 45–100.

**Context 3454**

Rim sherd, SG La Grauf., small Dr 27, 1g, RE: 0.06, Diam. 70mm, c.AD 55–90.

Rim sherd, SG La Grauf., Dr 18, 10g, RE: 0.09, Diam. 170mm, c.AD 55–90. Slightly worn/abraded lower exterior wall. Slightly burnt.

**Context 3459**

Rim sherd, SG La Grauf., Dr 15/17, 3g, RE: 0.08, Diam. 150mm, c.AD 40–65.

**Context 3466**

Body sherd, CG Lezoux, probably Dr 27, 2g, c.AD 120–160.

**Context 3492**

Rim sherd, Italian (probably Arezzo), Loeschcke 11, 3g, RE: 0.06, Diam. 130mm, c.AD 1–25. Joins rim sherd represented in context 3494; a body sherd also from 3494 is probably from the same vessel.

Rim sherd, Italian, platter, probably Loeschcke 2a, 1g, RE: c.0.03, Diam. c.140mm, c.AD 10–40. Burnt.

**Context 3493**

Body sherd, Arretine, platter, 14g, c.AD 1–25.

Rim sherd, probably Italian, Loeschcke 2a, 1g, RE: c.0.03, Diam. 240mm, c.AD 15–40. This rim sherd joins another in context 3494, while a rim from the same vessel occurs in context 3188.

Body sherd, SG La Grauf., form not identifiable, 1g, *c.*AD 35–70

**Context 3494**

Rim sherd and non-joining body sherd, Italian (probably Arezzo), Loeschcke 11, 12g (9+3), RE: 0.08, Diam. 130mm *c.*AD 1-25. Probably from the same vessel. The rim joins another from 3492.

Rim sherd, Italian, Loeschcke 2a, 2g, RE: 0.07, Diam. 140mm, *c.*AD 10–40.

Base sherd, probably early South Gaulish, platter, 11g, BE: 0.08, Diam. 100mm, *c.*AD 10–40. Burnt.

Rim sherd and non-conjoining body sherd, probably Italian, Loeschcke 2a, 13g, RE: *c.* 0.03, Diam. 240mm, *c.*AD 15–40. The same vessel is represented in contexts 3188 and 3493.

**Context 3496**

Rim sherd, Italian (probably Arezzo), Dr 17, 2g, RE: *c.*0.03, Diam. uncertain, *c.*AD 25–40/45. Similar to Oswald and Pryce 1920 Pl. XLII No. 3. Part of a small mock handle loop is represented, cf. Oswald and Pryce 1920 Pl. XLII No. 10.

Rim sherd, SG La Grauf., Service 1 hybrid, 3g, RE: *c.*0.04, Diam. *c.*160mm, *c.*AD 30–45. A similar rim and wall form occurs at the Blackfriars site, Leicester (Dannell 1985, fig. 37 No. 2, 59) from a vessel thought to be a later Arezzo product and of Tiberian date; here it occurs in a context thought to date to *c.*AD 40–55). High gloss finish; the exterior of the rim collar is abraded.

Body sherd, perhaps SG La Grauf. rather than Italian, probably Dr 17, 3g, *c.*AD 30–45. Similar to the example of Dr 17 from 3281, but the vessel floor seems marginally thinner. Again, a high quality surface gloss.

Body sherd, probably SG La Grauf., from a small platter, 2g, *c.*AD 30–50.

Body sherd, CG Lezoux, from the junction of the vessel floor and footring, form not identifiable, 2g, *c.*AD 120–200.

**Context 3499**

Base sherd, SG La Grauf., form not identifiable, 4g, BE: 0.13, Diam. 90mm, *c.*AD 40–100.

**Context 3698**

Rim sherd, Italian, Loeschcke 8 Ab, 3g, RE: 0.07, Diam. 120mm, *c.*AD 1-30. Very high gloss.

**Context 3743**

Body sherd, SG La Grauf., probably a small Dr 27, 2g, *c.*AD 40–80. Burnt.

**Context 3811**

Rim sherd, CG Lezoux, Dr 18/31R, 12g, RE: 0.07, Diam. 310mm, *c.*AD 125–155.

**Context 3844**

Base sherd, EG Rheinzabern, Dr 31, 10g, BE: 0.08, Diam. 80mm, *c.*AD 170–225.

**SF 48**

Base sherd, CG Lezoux, Dr 33, 42g, BE: '1.00', Diam. 60mm, probably *c.*AD 120–160. A complete but illiterate stamp is present that cannot be read as it is not fashioned from distinct characters; this can not be paralleled. Slightly burnt. The vessel has been carefully trimmed round at the junction of the vessel wall and the floor; the circumference of the footring is essentially complete but shows moderate damage where flakes are missing, perhaps intentionally clipped off.

**Unstratified, SF 225**

Base sherd, SG La Grauf., from a small cup, perhaps Dr 27, 4g, BE: 0.41, Diam. 40mm, *c.*AD 40–80. Within the footring parts of two scored lines are represented, suggestive of a cross. The vessel has been trimmed round at the junction of the wall and floor. The footring is worn.

**Unstratified, SF 250**

Body sherd, CG Lezoux., Dr 37, 17g, *c.*AD 120–145. A small area of decoration is represented with a gadroon basal band and a segmented panel above defined by fine corded borders typical of this date. Dark matt red surfaces.