

Flint- Pentre Farm.

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## THE CLAY PIPES FROM PENTRE FARM

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The material submitted consisted of two bowls, four bowl fragments and forty-six pieces of stem, two with spurs.

Neither bowl nor the two other spurs has any mark, so identification of probable makers is not possible.

None of the stem pieces are marked with the exception of one which has a string mark round it. This piece also shows signs of knife-trimming, as do eighteen other pieces. There are also ten pieces of polished stem and two pieces of possibly coloured mouth-piece. Many of the stem-pieces are rather abraded, consistent with having been in a disturbed layer.

There are not sufficient pieces for a stem-bore analysis to give accurate dating and the largest group is, unfortunately, a mixed one from top-soil.

The bowl-fragment from PF 11 1 shows signs of knife-trimming and appears to be early eighteenth century.

The other bowl fragments, from PF 1 1, PF 1 47 and PF 1 64 are too small for identification, but the latter is probably not earlier than mid-eighteenth century.

## BOWL No. 1

Long, slim bowl, apparently polished, but damaged lip. Offset bore, 6/64". Dated typologically to the period 1690-1730. No mark, but the type was produced in Chester<sup>12</sup> and Buckley<sup>13</sup> during this period.

## BOWL No. 2

Only the front part survives with stylised oak-leaf decoration along the front mould join and is a nineteenth-century type. Very similar examples have been recovered from the kiln site of William Boynton, the last Chester maker whose factory was in production from 1870-1916.<sup>14</sup>

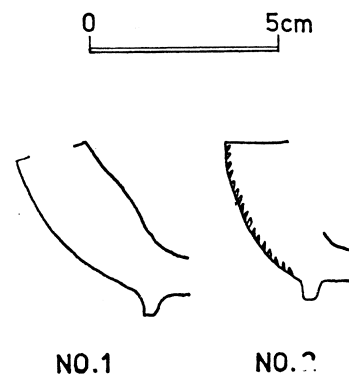


FIG. 7

Clay pipe bowls from Pentre Farm

*Inventory*

- PF 1 1 1 Bowl, broken lip, 1690-1730, offset bore 6/64".  
1 Bowl, front only, 19th century.  
1 Bowl fragment.  
1 spur, badly-trimmed, 5/64".  
1 spur, polished (C19), 4/64".  
35 stem-pieces, 1 @ 8/64", 15 @ 6/64", 13 @ 5/64", 5 @ 4/64".
- PF 1 64 1 Bowl fragment, too small for identification, but probably not earlier than mid-18th century.
- PF 1 47 1 Bowl fragment too small for identification.
- PF 1 60 4 stem-pieces, 1 with string mark. 1 @ 6/64", 3 @ 5/64".
- PF 11 1 5 stem-pieces, 4 @ 6/64", 1 @ 5/64".  
1 piece of plain bowl, early 18C.

<sup>12</sup> G. Webster and K. Barton, 'An 18th century rubbish pit, Trinity Street, 1953', *Chester Arch. Soc. Jnl.* 44 (1957), 19-28; P. J. Davey, 'Stem Bore Analysis of Chester Clay Tobacco Pipes', *Cheshire Arch. Bulletin*, 3 (1975), 29-34.

<sup>13</sup> T. Cropper, 'Early Tobacco Clay Pipe Making at Buckley', *Cheshire Sheaf* (May 1906), 43-4; P. J. Davey, *Buckley*, 4 (1976), 18.

<sup>14</sup> P. J. Davey, 'Finds from the Roman Garden', *Cheshire Arch. Bulletin*, 2 (1974), 36.