

Wiyo Black-On-Gray Pottery Sherd from 14MH1

This Wiyo Black-on-gray pottery sherd was found at 14MH1, a village in Marshall County occupied periodically from the Archaic to the Middle Ceramic Periods. It was donated to the Kansas Historical Society in 1987. Wiyo pottery, also called Biscuit A or Abiquiu Black-on-gray is a type of Northern Rio Grande whiteware pottery. The donation included a copy of a letter for Asa Hill from Charles Amsden to Emil Haury, all noted Archeologists, describing the pottery sherd.

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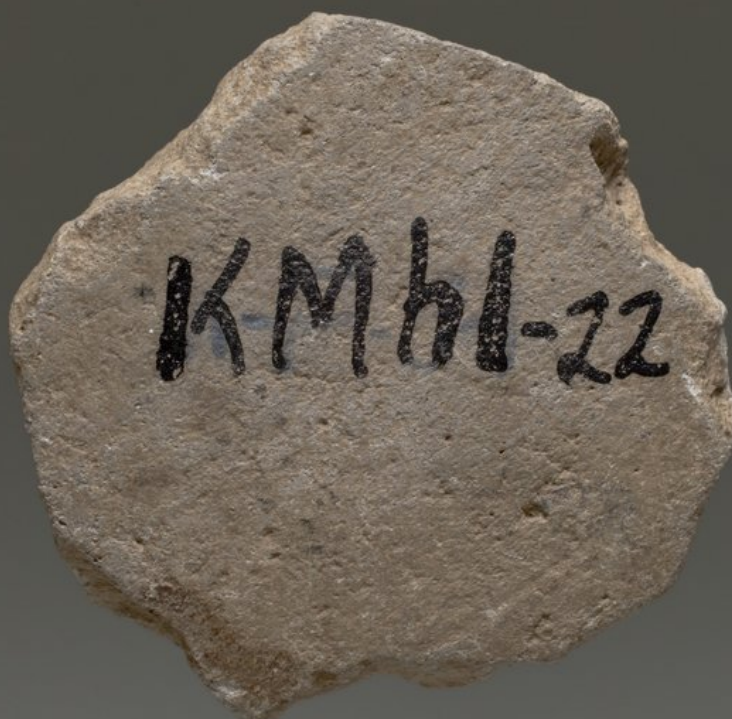
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Extra carbon for Mr. Hill

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Dr. Emil W. Haury
Gila Pueblo
Globe, Arizona

Dear Emil:

The sherd which was the subject of your letter of March 18 is being returned to you. I was going to send it directly to Mr. Hill with a copy of my letter to him going to you, but found that I did not have his address.

Beyond much question this is a very late Rio Grande black-on-white sherd and I think Dr. Mera would agree with me that it represents a type which I named biscuitoid and Mera later gave the geographic designation of Wiyo. The references on this are my "Black-on-White Pottery of Pecos" in Volume 1 of Kidder's "Pottery of Pecos"; and Mera's "Ceramic Glues to the Prehistory of Northcentral Mexico," Technical Series, Bulletin 8, Laboratory of Anthropology.

I am not sure this type has been dated definitely by tree rings but it will fall in about the 13th century. It was fairly common throughout the northeast Rio Grande region, getting into the western rim of the plains in the vicinity of Las Vegas, New Mexico. A site near Watrous, east of Las Vegas, is the easternmost occurrence known to me.

I enclose a copy of this letter in case you want to send it along to Mr. Hill.

Greetings to you all.

Sincerely,

Charles Amsden
Secretary

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