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## REPORT

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Textile remains; St. Albans 111  
1967, Anglo-Saxon Cemetery

St. Albans. III. 1967. Anglo-Saxon CemeteryTextile Remains

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SK 6 SF 29. Purse mount and flint

One surface of metal, at end (a) 0.5 X 0.5 cm, very clear patch, fibres replaced by metal oxide, spinning Z,Z, close tabby weave, count 8/7 threads on 5 mm; other traces, deteriorated, in places. (b) 0.5 X 0.7 cm, clear patch, fibres replaced, Z,Z, tabby weave, rather open, count 7/4 on 5 mm, probably in several layers. Other surface, replaced patches (a) both ends, traces (b) over whole area, i.e. c. 3.5 X 3.0 cm, clear in centre with second layer below, count c. 12/8 threads per cm.

From their appearance these are two different fabrics; (a) could have been flax or wool, (b) from its appearance most likely wool. The fragments may come from garments in contact with the purse, or from the purse itself.

SZ 3 SF 261. Buckle

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Top of chape, area textile 3.8 X 2.3 cm, fibres replaced, spinning Z,S, rather loose twill weave, as far as can be seen simple 2/2 diagonal, count c. 14/11-12 threads per cm. Deteriorated textile remains on underside of chape.

This fabric would certainly have been wool. Twills with mixed spinning, Z warp and S weft, are normally of good quality.

SH 27 SF 287. From inside chatelaine

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With skin and bone fibres, a few rust-impregnated textile remains in earth, spinning Z,Z, weave unidentifiable.