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Eleven sherds of early sigillata were examined macroscopically and these appeared to fall into two different fabric groups: one characteristic of Arezzo (No's 76 and 107) and the other of South Gaul (No's 39, 44, 54, 56, 57, 64, 69, 89 and 95). Thin sectioning and study under the petrological microscope of five sherds confirmed the visual identification: sherds 76 and 107 are similar to material attributable to Arezzo, and sherds 39, 56 and 57 are similar to material attributable to South Gaul (Williams, 1978).

Williams, D.F. (1978) 'Petrological analysis of arretine and early samian: a preliminary report', in Arthur, P. and Marsh, G. (eds.), Early Fine Wares in Roman Britain B.A.R. 57(1978), 5-12.

¹ This work was done as part of a current programme of petrological analysis of arretine and early samian.