

Baldock

Roman Cemetery, 1st.cent.A.D.

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On bronze angle band from casket

A clear area round the rivet, c.2.5 X 3.0 cm overall, replaced textile; spinning Z both systems, rather irregular, a fairly close plain weave, count 14-15/15 threads per cm. The appearance of the fibres suggests linen.

On knob from casket

The whole top of the knob, area 1.7 X 1.7 cm, is covered with two or possibly three layers of replaced textile. The clear areas of the fabric nearest the bronze, probably two layers, show a Z,Z plain weave, probably the same as that on the band; above this is a layer with confused fibres, which appear to be coarser.

The cloth remains may indicate that the casket was wrapped, or they may come from a garment or garments against which it lay.

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