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BRATTON FLEMING, DEVON

A sherd from a 'late Travisker style pot' (associated date 882±80) was submitted for petrological analysis. The sherd is fairly thick (13mm.) and moderately hard, with a light brownish-buff smoothed outer surface and dark brown to black core. The core of the fabric is coarse and an examination with a binocular microscope revealed large angular inclusions of grog (crushed up pieces of pottery). This identification is confirmed by thin section examination, which shows that the predominant temper is grog.

The (undecorated) sherd was shown to my colleague Mr Arthur ApSimon, who kindly commented that he thought the fabric was similar to biconical urns from Brean Down (ApSimon, Donovan and Taylor, 1961, fig. 27, nos. 23 and 24).

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