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DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES  
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM  
OXFORD  
Telephone 57522

6th April, 1961.

Dear Miss Grace,

I enclose photographs of the two Rhodian wine amphorae and their stamps promised to you several weeks ago. I regret that it has taken so long to get this done for you. I hope you will find them satisfactory. Our studio is not very accustomed to reducing from a large negative to a small print, and I hope you will find the scale they have produced looks right.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Hector Catling

H. W. Catling.  
Assistant Keeper.

Miss Virginia Grace,  
American School of Classical Studies,  
Athens,  
GREECE.

6.I.66  
Photo. now  
sent attached to  
Ben Carter.  
Can't check  
scale of  
profiles on  
no list.  
measure it

Thanks to  
Bill, 15/4



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Telephone Oxford 57522 (STD 0865)

15th May, 1980

Mrs P M W Matheson,  
Agora Excavations,  
American School of Classical Studies,  
Athens, 140.  
Greece.

Dear Mrs Matheson,

6534 Thank you for your letter of April 12th. I have now had time to look out the handles for Miss Grace. G.534 is not a double handle but I will arrange for photographs to be taken for you.

Since 1978, financial stringency has hit the Museum and we can no longer supply photographs free to scholars. In view of this perhaps you would let me know what you would like to order. I estimate that five new negatives would be needed and separate  $\frac{1}{2}$  plate prints made. The costs would be: £31.25

New negative from artefacts	each	£5.50
Print	7 x 5 inches	each .75

!!  
If you decide to have only G.534 photographed, we could fit three or four more handles on the negative for you. Let me know what you would like to order.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Brown.

A.C. Brown (Mrs)  
Departmental Assistant

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I have a record that  
in 1978 we asked for  
photo. of stamps in the  
ASHMOLEAN museum  
including a Koran.

Do we still need it?

Αποσκόπιον non-date?



Photos.

2.03

ASH 29 non-dumb  
(Διοσκουρίδου)

used plants  
NEW

8

April 12, 1980

Mrs A C Brown,  
Department of Antiquities,  
Ashmolean Museum,  
Oxford.  
OX1 2PH

Dear Mrs Brown,

I have been helping Miss Grace with the preparation of the corpus of Koan stamped amphora handles, and she has asked me to write to you about the possibility of obtaining photographs for this publication of one of the handles in the Ashmolean collection.

The handle is no. 1896 - 1908 G 53<sup>7</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (no. ASH 29 in our list of readings of 1961), and we wonder if it may be a non-double handle of a type which also appears on the usual double-barrelled Koan handles. It would be good to have a photograph of the stamp (printed to the same actual size as the stamp) and, if possible, a photograph of the profile of the handle if the fragment is large enough to give any indication of the curve of the handle or its attachment to the neck of the jar.

You mentioned in your letter of May 9, 1978, that it might be possible to send photographs of all the ones in the collection which are new to Miss Grace's files, or better examples of types previously known, and she would still be very pleased to have these if it can be managed.

With Miss Grace's best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

P M W Matheson (Mrs)

PS I enclose a list, taken from the 1961 list, of handles we would like photographs of; as there are a good many 1888.199, I've tried to identify them by the reading of the stamp

[List: ASH 4, 6, 13, 18, 19, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29, 33, 40, 41, 52, 54]



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9 May 1978

Dear Miss Grace

Thank you very much for your letter and all the information about our stamps. I don't think that anybody here is planning a publication at the moment. I will order the photographs for you and will send them off eventually, the Studio is rather busy at the moment and I imagine that there is no hurry.

You may, of course, have the Keeper's permission to publish our 1888.199 fragment from Naucratis. 1948.310 is a fragment of a double banded handle, I will include this piece with the photographs for you.

It was very nice to hear from you again and I hope to see you when I come to Greece, I am not sure when this will be, I had hoped this year but somehow I doubt it now.

Yours sincerely

*Ann Brown*

A C Brown (Mrs)

3.01  
ad. w.p.c.  
May 16  
sent to a friend  
in 3.17.80  
Dilemma about  
what about  
blue ink  
from?



American School of Classical Studies  
54 Swedias Street, Athens 140, Greece

April 26, 1978

Dear Mrs. Brown,

Hector Catling tells me that I should consult you on permission to mention in a publication one of the stamped handles in the collection of the Ashmolean. The handle is your 1888.199, from Naucratis. The stamp has an abbreviation T A , and above these letters the head of a lion or of a lion's skin; the device is incompletely impressed in your example, but clear in a second impression of the same die on another handle from Naucratis, British Museum 1955, 9-20, 70. The two handles are apparently from Samian amphoras (perhaps from the same Samian amphora, as these were commonly stamped on both handles with the same stamp, and both pieces are from Naucratis); the date is probably late 4th century B.C. I would like to mention your handle in an article for a memorial volume for Porphyrios Dikaies; the article identifies amphoras and stamps of Kourion in Cyprus; there seems to have been a connection with Samos. I would be grateful if you can give me permission to make this mention.

Looking up our records of stamps at the Ashmolean, ~~ix~~ I see that I have never sent you copies of our readings of your stamps, made from the rubbings you kindly made for me, was it in 1961. So I enclose here your copy, and hope they may be useful for your records. Where these copies are marked "NEW" or "PH" your stamps are of types new to our files, or are superior examples, and in either case photographs would be very welcome for our archives here. If possible, the stamps should be <sup>photographed without tipping, and</sup> printed at actual size, and the whole handle should show, especially for stamps whose class we have not recognized. I am particularly in need of help for 1948.310: we have classed it as (early) Rhodian, but I have doubts. <sup>and Athos</sup> In case someone would like to publish your stamps, I suggest getting up the subject in EAD (Deles) 27, pp. 277-382 and being sure to correct 3rd century dates by Ath, Mitth. 1974, pp.193-200. Publish with photographs.

⊗ I believe  
it is to Kom.  
Does it have  
a "double-  
bordered"  
handle?



It is very nice to have the Catlings here. I much enjoyed being included in an informal but very pleasant dinner party for John Cook and for his new wife whom I had not met.

I hope you are well and enjoying your work. If you come to Greece, do please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

On "Cretan" stamps, cf. your Ash 18 and 47 in my numeration, see Hesperia 1971, pp.82-85, where it is suggested that they may be Samian. The attribution is not established.



27. IV. 78 Carbon copies being sent to [26. IV. 1961]   
 Mrs. Brown for the Ashmolean Con. copy 27

Indications in the upper right corners classify handle and/or stamp, distinguishing 1) place of origin when known - T(hasos), R(hodes) K(nidos), etc.; 2) type of stamped vessel if not an amphora; 3) language if not Greek; 4) shape of stamp if not a plain (unframed) rectangle; retrograde inscription (indicated by an arrow). Inventory numbers and any other documentation go to the left, any descriptive comment to the right, dimensions unless otherwise specified being width by thickness of handle where stamped. Numbers in the middle are negative numbers. [3.04]

ASH 1

1872.503

from Alexandria

Ἀντιμάχου  
caduceus r.

R

filed

ASH 2

1872.504

from Alexandria

Ἀθανοδότου cornu  
copia

R

filed

ASH 3

1872.505

from Alexandria

Ἐπι᾿ Ἀναξάν  
δρου  
Σμινθίου

R

filed

ASH 4

1872.506

from Alexandria

Α8

card  
made  
new

ASH 5

1872.507

from Alexandria

Μαίρωρος  
cornucopia

R

filed

ASH 6

1872.508

from Alexandria

Παβίων  
Πανάριου  
Δευτέρου

R  
R

filed  
new  
card  
made

ASH 7

1872.509

Tel - Basta

Θεοδ  
ότου

Parnass  
gr.

filed

ASH 8

1872.510

from Alexandria

Ἐπι Μειβίστ  
ρ α τ ο υ  
Πανάριου

R

filed




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3.05

ASH 9  
1872.511  
Benha

] θεεμοφ[  
rose

] (retr) 


n.f.

ASH 10  
1872.512  
from Alexandria

Επί Αἴνῃ  
σιδαίου  
πανάρχου

filed

ASH 11  
1872.513  
from Alexandria

Επί Θρακυδά(μου) Υακινθίου   
rose

filed

ASH 12  
1872.514  
from Alexandria

Επί Κληνοστράτου Πανάμου  
Helios head

filed

ASH 13  
1872.515  
from Alexandria

Επί Αἰῶχ  
ἰνα Βα  
δρομίου  
v

very  
much  
new

ASH 14  
1888.199  
Naucratis  
pt 1, 1884-5  
p. 52

Επί -  
κρά(της)

filed

ASH 15  
1888.199  
Naucratis  
pt 1, 1884-5  
p. 52

animal's  
head  
TA

filed

ASH 16  
1888.199  
Naucratis  
pt 1, 1884-5  
p. 52



filed



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3.06

ASH 17

ἡ ΚΕΣΙΟΥ

Chian

1888.199

Naucratis,  
pt 1, 1884-5,  
p. 52

filial  
PH

ASH 18

Παυσιππία(χος)  
πρω

Crete

1888.199

Naucratis,  
pt. 1 1884-5,  
p. 52

filial  
PH

ASH 19

ΑΥΤΟΚ

1888.199

Naucratis,  
pt 1, 1884-5,  
p. 52

filial  
PH

ASH 20

HP

ω

1888.199

Naucratis,  
pt 1, 1884-5,  
p. 52

filial

ASH 21

Σ

1888.199

Naucratis,  
pt 1, 1884-5,  
p. 52

filial

ASH 22

ΕΙ ?

1888.199

Naucratis,  
pt 1, 1884-5,  
p. 52

new  
card  
made

ASH 23



○

1888.199

Naucratis  
pt. 1, 1884-5  
p. 52

filial

ASH 24

Α ?

1888.199

Naucratis,  
pt. 1, 1884-5,  
p. 52

new  
card  
made



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3.07

ASH 25

1892, 841

✱ B

given by  
G.J. Chester  
purchased at  
Smyrna

card  
made  
NEW

ASH 26

[1896-1908]

G 533,  
from Egypt,  
given by Lient Col.  
Scot-Skirving

Στράτων  
rose cluster

R

filed

ASH 27

1896-1908

G 534

given by Lient Col.  
Scot Skirving

Ἐπὶ Ἀλεξιάδῃ  
Καρνείου

R

card  
new

ASH 28

1896-1908

G 536

from Egypt,  
given by Lient Col.  
Scot-Skirving

Ἐπὶ Κα[χ]λῇ  
κράτους  
Ἀγριαίου

R

filed

ASH 29

1896-1908,  
G 537,

from Egypt,  
given by Lient Col.  
Scot-Skirving

Διοσκουρίδου

card  
NEW  
cf. Koan

ASH 30

1896-1908,  
G 538

from Egypt,  
given by Lient Col.  
Scot-Skirving

Ἐπὶ Τιμοδίκου  
Πανάμου

R

filed

ASH 31

1896-1908

G 539

from Egypt,  
given by Lient Col.  
Scot-Skirving

Δαμοκράτους  
B

R

filed

ASH 32

1896-1908

G 540

from Egypt,  
given by Lient Col.  
Scot-Skirving

Ἐπὶ Δαμῶ  
Θέμιος  
Πανάμου

R

filed



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ASH 33

1896-1908

G 541

from Egypt,  
given by Lient Col.  
Scot-Skirving

Μηνόδωρος (retr.)  
rose

R  
O  
←

cards  
made  
new

ASH 34

1933.483

from Karrak

Ἐπὶ Ἀρχεμ  
Βρότου Ἀ  
Υπριανίου

R

filed

ASH 35

1933.484

from Karrak

Ἀριστοκλεῦς  
rose

R  
©

filed

ASH 36

1933.724a

perhaps  
from Medinet el  
Fayum

Μαρτυρὰ  
Πανάμου

R

filed

ASH 37

1933.724b

perhaps  
from Medinet el  
fayum

Ἐπὶ Κλεάρχου  
Ἰακινθίου

R

filed

ASH 38

1933.724c

perhaps  
from Medinet el  
Fayum

Ἐπὶ Εὐδαί  
μου  
Ἀγριανίου

R

filed

ASH 39

1933.724d

perhaps  
from Medinet el  
Fayum

Ἐπὶ Ἀρχοκρά(τρου)  
Ἀρταμιτίου

R

filed

ASH 40

1933.725

from El Amarna

not read  
perhaps non-greek

oval

cards  
made  
new

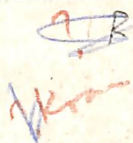


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3.09

ASH 41  
1948.310  
from Kalymnos

Ἀπολ (



Ms. Brown  
writes 9.5.78  
that this is  
a double-  
barrelled  
candle

Corpus no. 56

ASH 42  
1958.65  
from Jerusalem

Ἀντιμάχου  
ribboned caduceus r;

filed

ASH 43  
1958.66  
from Jerusalem

Ἐπι' Ἀριστεί  
δα  
Ἰακινθίου

R

filed

ASH 44  
1958.67  
from Jerusalem

Helios Ἐπι' Δα  
head μοκλεῦς

R

filed

ASH 45  
1961.160  
from Amorgos

VIRGIT

Latin

ASH 46  
1961.161  
from Amorgos

Ἐπι' Ἀριστεί  
νεῦς  
Ἰακινθίου

R

n.f.

ASH 47  
1961.172  
no provenance

Πανσιφάχης  
prow

"Cretan"

filed

ASH 48  
1961.173  
no provenance

Ἐπι' Ἡρα  
γόρα  
Ἰακινθίου

R

filed



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Σ.10

ASH 49

1961.174

no provenance

Ti  
μαρ

R  
O

filed

ASH 50

1961.175

no provenance

Zwi[χου

"G.BR"

"Greek  
Brindisi"

filed

ASH 51

1961.176

no provenance

Misa cluster  
capitaceus r

R

filed

ASH 52

1961.177

no provenance

Eni Teigay  
opa  
Aypia[ιου]

R

card  
new

ASH 53

1961.178

Delos

[

boultration

]

K  
O

n.f.

ASH 54

1961.179

Amorgos

ΣΙΑ

card  
new



11. 1. 63

Journal Hell. Studies, 1961, Recent acquisitions by  
by the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford  
on p. 58 no 25:

"Two Rhodian wine amphorae (1956.931, 932) with  
stamped handles:

1) A. Θευφράστου: B. ΕΠΙ ΠΥΘΟΔΩΡΟΥ . . . . . ου

2) A. Ανδρικού: B. ΕΠΙ ΞΕΝΟΦΑΝΤΕ ΑΓΓΙΑΡΙΟΥ

Second quarter of the second century B. C.



## ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM : CONCORDANCE

ASH <sub>2</sub>	1	1872. 503 from Alexandria
	2	1872. 504 Alexandria
	3	1872. 505 Alexandria
	4	1872. 506 Alexandria
	5	1872. 507 from Alexandria
	6	1872. 508 Alexandria
	7	1872. 509 Tel - Basta
	8	1872. 510 from Alexandria
	9	1872. 511 Benha, according to Register ΕΣΩΦΗΙΟΣΕΝΟΝ
	10	1872. 512, from Alexandria
	11	1872. 513, Alexandria
	12	1872. 514, Alexandria
	13	1872. 515 Alexandria.
	14	1888 199 Naucratis pt. 1 1884-5 p. 52.
	15	" " " " " "
	16	" " " " " "
	17	" " " " " "
	18	" " " " " "
	19	" " " " " "
	20	" " " " " "
	21	" " " " " "
	22	" " " " " "
	23	" " " " " "
	24	" " " " " "



## ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM : CONCORDANCE (2)

ASH. 25	1892.841, given by G. J. Chester, purchased at Smyrna
26	[1896-1908] G. 533, from Egypt, given by Lieut. Col. Scot-Skirving
27	1896-1908 G. 534, given by Lieut Col. Scot-Skirving
28	1896-1908 G. 536, from Egypt, given by Lieut. Col. Scot-Skirving
29	1896-1908 G. 537. " " " " " " - "
30	1896-1908 G. 538. " " " " " " - "
31	1896-1908 G. 539. " " " " " " - "
32	1896-1908 G. 540. " " " " " " - "
33	1896-1908 G. 541. " " " " " " - "
34	1933. 483 from Kannak.
35	1933. 484 Kannak
36	1933. 724a
37	1933. 724b
38	1933. 724c
39	1933. 724d
40	1933. 725, from El Amarna.
41	1948. 310, Kalymnos.
42	1958. 65, from Jerusalem.
43	1958. 66. "
44	1958. 67. "
45	1961. 160 from Amorgos.
46	1961. 161. "
47	1961. 172 no provenance

} 2 handles (1933.724a-d) are from  
Medinet el Fayum but Register  
does not state which two.



## ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM: CONCORDANCE (3)

ASH. 48	1961, 173	no provenance
49	1961, 174	no provenance
50	1961, 175	" "
51	1961, 176	" "
52	1961, 177	" "
53	1961, 178	Delos
54	1961, 179	Amorgos



ASHMOLEAN

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February 10, 1961

Dear Mr. Catling,

I am most obliged to you and to Ann Brown for the rubbings of the amphora stamps in the Ashmolean and Bodleian collections. They look very clear, and it is a great convenience to have the information on provenance which I see has been entered on them. We have never used any oil or other solvent with the graphite, but just the powder, and I am interested to see whether your method reduces smudging.

Sinclair Hood may have told you of Dikaios's lecture on Enkomi at the Archaeological Society here on January 13. Tonight we are to hear Karageorghis at the same place, on the Mycenaean period in Cyprus.

Yours sincerely,

Virginia Grace



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OXFORD

Telephone 57522

7,01  
14.11.61

2 45 Blenheim Drive

Oxford.

[7. 11. 61]

Dear Miss Grace,

Thank you very  
much for your kind letter. It  
arrived this morning just as  
Rector Cattering was writing to  
you about the rubbings. I do  
hope they are up to standard,  
if you want any redone please  
let me know.

I am not quite sure  
when I shall be coming out to  
Greece. An artist friend of mine



wants me to go with her in May  
1962, and this would perhaps  
be more sensible than staying  
with Ruth and Peter, as we should  
be able to travel together, it is  
rather a lot of money to spend  
just to sit on an island!

I hope to see you in

1962, we are sure to stay a few  
days in Athens before our travels.

Yours ever,

Ann Brown



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7th February, 1961.

Miss V. Grace,  
American School of Classical Studies,  
Odos Soueidos,  
ATHENS.

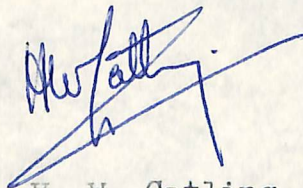
Dear Miss Grace,

I enclose rubbings made by Ann Brown, of our amphora stamps as promised when you called at the Ashmolean some weeks ago. We hope that these will be up to standard and that the type of cigarette paper we chose will correspond to the sort you yourself use.

The rubbings were made with a mixture of linseed oil and powdered graphite which normally we use for making rubbings or medieval tomb slabs!

I shall have to forward under separate cover the photographs of the two complete amphorae as the studio has not yet got round to doing them.

Yours very sincerely,



H. W. Catling.  
Assistant Keeper.



ASHMOLEAN

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DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES  
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM  
OXFORD

Telephone 57522

not yet admitted.

30th December, 1960.

Miss Virginia Grace,  
American School of Classical Studies,  
Athens,  
GREECE.

Dear Miss Grace,

Thank you very much for your letter of December 21st. I was much disappointed to find that I had missed seeing you when you paid us a brief visit recently.

How kind of you to write to George Bass about my book now on the stocks. As it happens I am in touch with him through Joan du Plat Taylor's good offices, and he has been most generous in allowing me to make use of some of the material from the wreck.

Ann Brown will certainly make rubbings of the jar stamps for you and these will be sent as soon as they are ready. I will have photographs made of our two complete Rhodian jars in the manner you describe and let you have two prints of each, together with actual size photographs of their stamps. I cannot promise when these will be ready as our studio is limbering up for the beginning of term rush of slide making, but I will try to have them done early.

Thank you very much for your seasonal good wishes which Elizabeth and I and the family reciprocate. I rather doubt that 1961 will see us in Greece, unfortunately, but am more hopeful of 1962.

Yours very sincerely,

Hector Catling

H. W. Catling (Assistant Keeper).



December 21, 1960

Dear Mr. Catling,

I was very sorry to miss you during my call at the Ashmolean on December 12, although I was taken care of very nicely by Anne Brown and John Boardman. Peter Megaw had told me about your book, now in press, on trade in copper and bronze during the Bronze Age (if I have it straight). I have now written to George Bass in Pennsylvania to tell him about it.

According to an amiable arrangement by your associates that day, Anne is going to make rubbings for me of the handles in the Ashmolean, since there seem to be only about 65, and not the thousands that somebody had led me to expect. I should also be very grateful for photographs of the two Rhodian jars purchased by John. These should ~~impossibly~~ show the jars in as true a profile as possible, and be printed so that they are at one tenth actual size, and I'd like if convenient to have two prints of each. (We get such scale prints here, by giving the photographer small cardboard measures cut to just one/tenth of the height of the jar, and he lays them on the ground glass and screws to the right point. I would send you such measures but have no record of the heights of these jars.) Your jars are important, as we have no information of any other whole jar of Theymnastos, and no photograph of any of Andrikos, though one does or did exist (in Sicily).

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to you and your family. I hope 1961 will bring you to Greece.

Yours very sincerely,

Virginia Grace

Photographs at actual size of the stamps on these two Rhodian jars would also be gratefully received  
I shall of course be glad to pay for any photographs requested that you are able to send me.







[Brändes typ?]

11.01



OLYMPIC  
AIRWAYS

*A. steno-*

1960 —

21 x 11 = 231



11.02

[Bernie Taylor?]



OLYMPIC  
AIRWAYS

Def. A. slumbe

no no.

1960.







2 whole Rhodia, of which mullings had been  
sent by J. B. (1)  $\sigma\upsilon\lambda\phi\iota\kappa\alpha\varsigma$  and (2)  $\theta\epsilon\sigma\iota\mu\alpha\tau\alpha\varsigma$   
[cf.  $\epsilon\upsilon\phi\alpha\upsilon\tau\alpha\varsigma$ ] [cf.  $\mu\alpha\theta\acute{\eta}\sigma\iota\sigma\alpha\varsigma$  Ad(7)]

a drawer full of bundles etc., about 65 altogether.

Include:

- 1948-310 1 Roman Attod (Kalygion) (mullings etc.) <sup>filled</sup> Have given to  
Ms. New York  
of a known type
- 1933-725 1 Egyptian? oriented - type, coarse clay w. bits of white lit  
stamp looking like a cartouche.
- 1960-? 2 Brindisi - type (mullings [attached]) <sup>monochrome</sup>
- 1872-509 on Parmenidean type
- monochrome on broadish handle \*

1885-199

Utrichist E91

3 more with monograms

3 Samian? w. row

1  $\sigma\iota\kappa\alpha\iota\sigma$

[No. 10 & mullings from this.] most on Rhodia

1892 841 LR. amphicretic type

The die looks like a Roman coin.

21. XII. 60

Finding places exist for these, and we hope to get notes on them.



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ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM  
OXFORD

Telephone 57522

July 22

1958

Dear Virginia,

The enclosed three are from handles supposed to be from Jerusalem. I have written the museum numbers on them. I hope they amuse you, or can at least slip into a list somewhere. If you could let me have a date for the records I would be most grateful.

I am coming to Greece in early Sept. for 7 weeks — mainly chess with a little Greek, but I hope you will be in Athens while I pass through.



Unfortunately Sheela will not  
be coming, but this trip should  
finish Chris and we hope to  
have a real holiday next year.

All best wishes to the Azara,

Yours ever,

John

(Boardman)



American School of Classical Studies  
Athens, Greece

August 9, 1958

Dear John, (Boardman)

How nice you are coming to Greece very soon. Please be sure to let me know when you arrive, and come and have a drink on the roof.

Thank you for the three rubbings from handles probably from  
Jerusalem. <sup>may all be</sup> (X) The handles ~~are~~ datable in the first quarter of the  
second century B.C. The eponym ΑΠΙΣΤΕΙΔΑΣ seems to have held office  
toward 180 B.C., according to the combined evidence of various contexts  
and whatever else can be found out about him, or rather the things he  
dates. The term of ΔΑΜΟΚΛΗΣ apparently fell a little earlier, though still after  
200; the head of Helios to the left indicates at this date that the  
maker of the jar was ΜΑΡΣΙΑΣ, who puts the month with his name, and the  
Helios head in the eponym stamp. The fabricant ΑΝΤΙΜΑΧΟΣ worked during  
the first quarter, and probably on into the second quarter.

Please give my love to Sheila. I hope to see her some day in England,  
if not yet in Greece.

(x) 1958.65      "Αντ.μάκου  
                                cubane n.

Ἐν Ἀριστέ  
δα  
Υακινθίου

Helin      2E10: Aa  
bud      mokasus



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recd. April 21  
asked for  
returning  
etc.

13 01

Apr. 14 1956

Dear Virginia,

In an antiqueshop in a country village not far away I have come across two complete Rhodian amphorae with stamps. I thought you might be interested, but I fear my transcriptions are poor as they were badly lit. You may be able to make something of them. On one the stamps are normal rectangular

— on one handle

ΑΝΔΡΙΚΟΥ

on the other

ΕΠΙ  
ΞΕΝΟΦΑΝΤ  
ΑΓΡΙΑΝΙΟΥ

The other amphora has stamps like oranges in outline, thus



— on one handle

ΕΠΙ  
ΠΥΘΟΔΩΡΟΥ  
...ΟΥ

on the other

ΟΕΥΜΝΑΕΤΟΥ

I hope to be going there again and can check up if I have time to shift them about in the light. The second one seems unfamiliar to me.

Sheila sends her love. She is very well, as is Julia.

Nary Ebert told us of your misfortunes but we hope that all is well again. Come and see us some time!

Yours ever,

John

Boardman



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May 1

16.4.50  
13.02

Dear Virginia,

Many thanks for your letter. We are going to buy the two amphorae for the museum - so they will not be lost. We can then record the stamps for you at leisure. Miss Arthur may, of course, rub all our handles. If she could give warning of when she is coming we can assemble them from their various hiding places. I find we have a complete double-handled Coan in the basement too - no stamps.

Love to all at the Azara. It was good to see the new Supplement.

Yours ever,

John



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Oct. 22

Dear Virginia,

No doubt the grape-vine would have told you by now that Sheila had a daughter last Sunday and that both are well. We still have no name but are toying with 'Julia'. Oxford is rather cold and dark but familiar faces from Athens help lighten the gloom, and the stuff here in the Museum excites and appals me at once. You know the few handles here, I expect: from Naukratis and Alexandria, I fancy.

My very best wishes to the Agora - in fact all of us send greetings, even the marticulate.

Yours ever,

John

P.S. How do you comment on the wine-jars in Gjestad

SCE IV.2. Figs. LXIII and LXIX ?



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May 18

Dear Virginia,

We bought the pots. I will get them washed and photographed and then your Miss Arthur can rub them properly when ~~you~~ she comes. Meanwhile I could not resist playing with the pieces of paper you sent and enclose my amateurish efforts.

All best wishes to the Agora.

Yours ever,

John

much w. the  $\delta\delta$  boxes  
may be  $\Delta$  sides

But sp. stamp new & on file  
The  $\delta$   $\delta$  boxes given and  
for other w. prep. &







228. Terracotta figure of a negro boy sleeping against a wine jar. Taranto; Greek, 4th century B.C. Sc.  $\frac{1}{1}$ .

*Ashmolean Museum, Oxford*

With greetings and best wishes from

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