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INTRODUCTION

The Henry Brown #2 site is a poorly known Historic Caddo site (dating after ca. A.D. 1685) affiliated with the Nadaco Caddo on Potters Creek in Harrison County, Texas (see Fields and Gadus 2012:642 and Figure 9.5). It is a cemetery site located about 0.5 miles from the J. O. and Henry Brown (or Brown #1) site (41HS261), another Historic Caddo cemetery (Jones 1968:127). A single fragmentary ceramic vessel from the Henry Brown #2 site has been identified in the collections of the Gregg County Historical Museum in Longview, Texas, and we recently documented this vessel in July 2013.

VESSEL

SITE NAME OR SITE NUMBER: Henry Brown #2

VESSEL NO.: 2003.08.1587

NON-PLASTICS AND PASTE: grog and bone

VESSEL FORM: Carinated bowl

RIM AND LIP FORM: Direct rim and rounded, exterior folded lip

CORE COLOR: B (fired and cooled in a reducing environment)

INTERIOR SURFACE COLOR: dark grayish-brown

EXTERIOR SURFACE COLOR: dark grayish-brown; fire clouds on the rim and body

WALL THICKNESS (RIM, BODY, AND BASE IN MM): rim, 6.7 mm; body, 6.4 mm

INTERIOR SURFACE TREATMENT: burnished

EXTERIOR SURFACE TREATMENT: burnished

HEIGHT (IN CM): N/A

ORIFICE DIAMETER (IN CM): 20.0

DIAMETER AT BOTTOM OF RIM OR NECK (IN CM): 20.1

BASE DIAMETER (IN CM) AND SHAPE OF BASE: N/A

ESTIMATED VOLUME (IN LITERS): N/A

DECORATION (INCLUDING MOTIF AND ELEMENTS WHEN APPARENT): The rim panel has an engraved motif that may be repeated four times around the vessel. The motif consists of one set of two vertical arcing lines between a large rectangular bracket and a corresponding set of opposed vertical arcing engraved lines that originate under the vessel lip and from the vessel carination (Figure 1).

PIGMENT USE AND LOCATION ON VESSEL: none

TYPE AND VARIETY [IF KNOWN]: Unidentified fine ware



Figure 1. Unidentified engraved carinated bowl from the Henry Brown #2 site.

CONCLUSIONS

It is known that the Henry Brown #2 site has burials with both European trade goods and Caddo ceramic vessels, although little specific information is available about the contents of the burials or their specific cultural associations other than that it appears to be a component of the Kinsloe phase. This is a historic Caddo phase with a number of sites in the middle Sabine River basin that are thought to be affiliated with the Nadaco Caddo. The one vessel from the site known to be in the Gregg County Historical Museum is an engraved carinated bowl of unidentified type.

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