

# Unknown Pottery Design?

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While surface hunting for artifacts in corn fields in the vicinity of Andrews North Carolina Nancy found a pottery shard with a very unusual design. This site is located along US 74 (129-19) just south of Andrews. The specific corn field (listed as site 7A in our data) is located on the east side of the highway about opposite the Andrews Airport. The search area is in the north upper portion of the field close to where the Valley River crosses the highway. More specifically the area is about 150' off the road, has numerous rocks and a slight surface rise. It is possible this area may have contained burials based on other unusual items, found including a portion of a pipe, bears teeth, beads, coral chip, a broken unfinished gorget and other pottery shards. However, no bones have every been found on the surface.

The shard in question has a design more typical South Western or South American configuration like Pueblo or Hopi origin. It appears that there is a head, arms and body like a Kachina or a hieroglyphic design. Sand crystals are embedded in the clay. It is relatively thin which is more typical of later stage pottery. To our knowledge this particular design is not typical of inscribed pottery of this region.

We bring this artifact to the attention of avocational and professional archeologists alike since we feel this is a interesting piece and may indicate a significant trade item in this region of the North Carolina. Shard is retained in the Hoff collection under item number #0836.

