

Goose Creek Incised

Sometimes you like a pot so it gets decorated by scratching a design on the pot before baking. Also, decoration is useful for finding your pot where there are many. It is a pretty safe bet that some pots were painted, but, unless a fairly permanent paint such as ocher were used, the paint would have disappeared. What we see now, and sometimes looks like color, is nothing more than variations in the color of the baked clay that occurs due to the style of firing - i.e., how much oxidation occurs.