

ANGLO CERAMICS

As European Settlers moved in, they brought their own pottery. In places where the Spanish were prevalent, it is possible to find what is called Spanish Colonial pottery. Most of Texas, however, is dominated by ceramics imported from England.

Anglo ceramics have the advantage that most shards can be identified. In many cases the manufacturer and the time period of manufacture can be identified. The difficulty presented by Anglo ceramics comes from its durability. That is, unlike Indian pottery, it is not uncommon for Anglo ceramics to be much older than indicated by the time at which they were lost or discarded. The only certain date that Archeologists can get from Anglo ceramics is a definite upper bound to a lower limit. That is, if a piece of a plate that was manufactured between, say, 1810 and 1820 is found on a site, the only thing this means is that the occupants were there sometime after 1810.

The Anglo ceramics shown here are from this vicinity and have been identified by Sandra and Johnney Pollan of Lake Jackson who are local avocational archeologists that have specialized in the art of ceramic identification.