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**TITLE: THE POTTERY OF TRALLEIS BATH-GYMNASION
COMPLEX**

ABSTRACT

The excavations of the Tralleis Bath-Gymnasium complex and surrounding areas brought to light a great number of pottery examples during the years 2006, 2007 and 2008. This study examined significant ceramic finds, both solid and almost solid, which had fallen into the drains. Some Late Roman to Early Byzantine Period examples were also found where the north wall of the Bath-Gymnasium had been built.

This study estimated that the 177 ceramic samples analyzed could be divided into 16 groups. As a result of the research we received many important clues about the Latrina and the production of ceramics made in local area were found under the streets sewer drains. We could also deduce that the finds were produced in the local area. Clay materials show us that there was a local area producing potteries. The ceramics, which were dated generally 2nd and 3rd century A.D, consisted mainly of items used in daily life. We also had evidence that the sewer pipes were filled between the 5th and 6th centuries A.D.

Late Rome and Early Byzantine ceramic finds were dated to between the 4th and 6th centuries. The form and features of the clay pottery finds proved that production of pottery continued into the Late Ancient Period.

It was understood in the light of the Tralleis finds that pottery production continued intensively up to the 3rd century A.D.

KEYWORDS

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