

An Inventory of California Pottery at the Fowler Museum, UCLA

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Abstract

The Fowler Museum at UCLA contains an abundance of provenienced pottery from prehistoric and historic California Indian sites. This paper inventories these ceramics for the first time, revealing that archaeological pottery is more widely distributed in California than is generally understood. Museum collections remain underutilized by archaeologists. A greater appreciation of the geographical range and chronological extent of archaeological pottery would undoubtedly occur with additional published compilations of ceramic inventories by other museums.

Introduction

The Fowler Museum at UCLA houses over a million artifacts in its archaeological collections primarily from Mexico, the American Southwest, and California. These collections incorporate a wide variety of prehistoric and historic artifacts, including pottery. California archaeological ceramic collections have been stored in the museum for more than 60 years, but our present study is the first attempt to organize these data by Indian group and by site. Our inventory reveals a surprisingly broad geographical distribution, including pottery from areas not normally associated with ceramics.

The inventory identifies over 200 archaeological sites assigned to categories of territory that account for 10 ethnic designations - Cahuilla, Chemehuevi, Kawaiisu, Kumeyaay, Luiseño, Owens Valley Paiute, Mono Lake/Northern Paiute, Serrano, Timbisha Shoshone, and Tübatulabal. Half of these ethnic groupings are in the California culture area, and half fall to the Great Basin culture area. Additional organization incorporates site

name/trinomial, accession number, excavator/collector, excavation date, type of investigation, and presence or absence of associated documentation (e.g., correspondence, photos, field notes, etc.), and amount of ceramic material is also noted for each entry.

Cahuilla Territory (California Culture Area)

The Cahuilla area covers approximately 2,400 square miles (6,216 km²), ranging from the San Bernardino Mountains to Borrego Springs (north to south) and from the Chocolate Mountains to the San Jacinto Plain and Palomar Mountains. The Fowler curates pottery from 15 sites and three general areas that are solidly within Cahuilla territory (Table 1). We report one additional location under a Cahuilla/Kumeyaay designation (Table 2). Seven collections contain 30 or more specimens.

Chemehuevi Territory (Great Basin Culture Area)

Chemehuevi territory lies along the Colorado River and extends across southern Nevada and parts of California within the Mojave Desert. Four collections contain ceramics (Table 3). They all derive from surface collection during the 1960s with limited contextual information.

Kawaiisu Territory (Great Basin Culture Area)

Kawaiisu territory covers the Tehachapi Valley and southern Sierra Nevada foothills to Lake Isabella and

Table 1. Fowler Museum Ceramic Collections from the Cahuilla Area.

Site Name	Accession	Excavator/Collector	Date	Type of Investigation	Associated Documents	Map	Quantity	Remarks
Coyote Hills SBR	84	D. M. Sibitzky	1953	Surface collection	photos	Y	30	Ceramic fragments
SBR-118	124	Rudolph and Nancy Troike	1955	Surface collection	N	N	1	Drilled sherd
SBR	513	Unknown donor	1961	Surface collection	N	N	16	Ceramic fragments
Cottonwood Spring RIV	87	Unknown donor	1969	Surface collection	N	Y	1	Bowl fragment
RIV-8	319	Jay Ruby	1962	Surface collection	Y	Y	8	Ceramic fragments
RIV-8	324	Jay Ruby	1962	Subsurface testing	Y	Y	40	Red and Buff ceramic fragments
RIV-8	513	Unknown donor	1961	Surface collection	N	N	6	Ceramic fragments
RIV-117	145	Bill Harrison and Frank Davis	1955	Surface collection	N	N	1	Ceramic fragments
RIV-118	146	Bill Harrison and Frank Davis	1956	Surface collection	N	N	52	Ceramic fragments
RIV-150	513	Unknown donor	1961	Surface collection	N	N	36	Ceramic fragments
RIV-151	513	Unknown donor	1961	Surface collection	N	N	8	Ceramic fragments
RIV-155	147	Bill Harrison and Frank Davis	1955	Surface collection	N	N	6	Ceramic fragments
RIV-156	148	Gordon Redfeldt	1955	Subsurface testing	N	N	371	Ceramic fragments, some worked, and one identified as a Hohokam type
RIV-159	513	Unknown donor	1961	Surface collection	N	N	4	Ceramic fragments
RIV-182	513	Unknown donor	1961	Surface collection	N	N	1	Ceramic fragments
RIV-183	513	Unknown donor	1961	Surface collection	N	N	5	Ceramic fragments
RIV-186	513	Unknown donor	1961	Surface collection	N	N	1	Two ceramic sherds and a possible pipe fragment
RIV-187	513	Unknown donor	1961	Surface collection	N	N	2	Ceramic fragments
RIV-201	320	A. Koloseike	1963	Surface collection	Y	N	107	Ceramic fragments
RIV-241	345	Jay Ruby	1965	Surface collection	N	N	22	Ceramic fragments, three red-on-buff
RIV-241	513	Unknown donor	1961	Surface collection	N	N	2	Ceramic fragments

Table 2. Fowler Museum Ceramic Collections from the Cahuilla/Kumeyaay Area.

Site Name	Accession	Excavator/Collector	Date	Type of Investigation	Associated Documents	Map	Quantity	Remarks
Salton Sea, RIV	62	Georgiana Guthrie	1953	Surface collection	N	N	39	Ceramic fragments

Walkers Pass, continuing into the northern areas of the Southern Paiute. The Kawaiisu traveled east to the Antelope Valley and as far as the Panamint Mountains. Three collections resulting from surface surveys are clearly within Kawaiisu territory (Table 4). Sixteen collections are assigned to joint use Chemuehuevi/Kawaiisu territory (Table 5).

Kumeyaay Territory (California Culture Area)

The Kumeyaay (Ipai and Tipai) area reaches from the southern Salton Sea through the Imperial Valley to the coast and into Baja California. Kumeyaay historic and protohistoric territory overlaps that of the Luiseño and Quechan near its northern edge and eastern edge respectively. There are 141 sites and several general locations with ceramics (Table 6). Some sites were surveyed more than once and some were excavated. The Kumeyaay are well regarded for their ceramic tradition (Van Camp 1979).

Luiseño Territory (California Culture Area)

Ethnographic Luiseño territory includes coastal areas in northern San Diego County from Encinitas north to San Juan Capistrano and east to Mt. Palomar and overlaps with Cupeño, Cahuilla, Juaneño, and Ipai traditional use areas. There are 10 collections with ceramics from Luiseño territory (Table 7). Extensive test excavations were conducted at Molpa (CA-SDI-308) (Meighan 1954; True et al. 1974), an ethnographically defined village in northern San Diego County.

Owens Valley Paiute Territory (Great Basin Culture Area)

The Owens Valley Paiute utilized areas from Yosemite and Mono Lake down through the Owens Valley and into the Mojave Desert. They lived primarily in the Owens Valley on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada. Two sites are represented in the Fowler inventory (Table 8).

Table 3. Fowler Museum Ceramic Collections from the Chemehuevi Area.

Site Name	Accession	Excavator/Collector	Date	Type of Investigation	Associated Documents	Map	Quantity	Remarks
S. of Palo Verde, IMP	369	Makoto Kowta	1962	Surface collection	N	N	7	Buff-colored ceramic fragments
RIV-258	483	Emma Lou Davis	1965	Surface collection	Y	N	80	Desert plain ware and painted red-on-tan ceramic fragments
RIV-260	482	Emma Lou Davis	1965	Surface collection	Y	N	10	Desert plain ware ceramic fragments
RIV-261	484	Emma Lou Davis	1965	Surface collection	Y	N	5	Desert plain ware ceramic fragments

Table 4. Fowler Museum Ceramic Collections from the Kawaiisu Area.

Site Name	Accession	Excavator/Collector	Date	Type of Investigation	Associated Documents	Map	Quantity	Remarks
Monolith, KER	127	Winans and M. Kowta	1955	Surface collection	N	N	3	Probably Owens Valley brown ware ceramic fragments
KER-197	109	Clement Meighan	1953	Surface collection	N	N	6	Ceramic fragments
KER-199	149	Frank Davis	1954	Surface collection	N	N	1	Ceramic fragment

Table 5. Fowler Museum Ceramic Collections from the Chemehuevi/Kawaiisu Area.

Site Name	Accession	Excavator/Collector	Date	Type of Investigation	Associated Documents	Map	Quantity	Remarks
RIV-10	314	Joe Frank Smith	1962	Surface collection	Y	N	3	Ceramic fragments
RIV-32	314	Joe Frank Smith	1962	Surface collection	Y	N	2	Ceramic fragments
RIV-98	314	Joe Frank Smith	1962	Surface collection	Y	N	17	Ceramic fragments
RIV-150	314	Joe Frank Smith	1962	Surface collection	Y	N	24	Ceramic fragments
SBR-285	314	Joe Frank Smith	1962	Surface collection	Y	N	6	Ceramic fragments
SBR-288	314	Joe Frank Smith	1962	Surface collection	Y	N	31	Ceramic fragments
SBR-288	321	Joe Frank Smith	1963	Subsurface testing	N	N	25	Ceramic fragments
SBR-322?	314	Joe Frank Smith	1962	Surface collection	Y	N	50	Ceramic fragments
SBR-332	314	Joe Frank Smith	1962	Surface collection	Y	N	30	Ceramic fragments
SBR-333	314	Joe Frank Smith	1962	Surface collection	Y	N	61	Ceramic fragments
SBR-337	314	Joe Frank Smith	1962	Surface collection	Y	N	20	Ceramic fragments
SBR-338	314	Joe Frank Smith	1962	Surface collection	Y	N	5	Ceramic fragments
SBR-340	314	Joe Frank Smith	1962	Surface collection	Y	N	17	Ceramic fragments
Lake Mojave, SBR	9	G. Brainerd, Stuart Peck	1951	Surface collection	N	N	6	Ceramic fragments
E. Cronise Lake, SBR	80	Stuart Peck	1950	Surface collection	N	N	925	Ceramic fragments
Mojave National Preserve, SBR	314	Joe Frank Smith	1962	Surface collection	Y	N	96	Ceramic fragments, including a large red pot fragment

Table 6. Fowler Museum Ceramic Collections from the Kumeyaay Area.

Site Name	Accession	Excavator/Collector	Date	Type of Investigation	Associated Documents	Map	Quantity	Remarks
IMP-56	362	M. Pavesik	1961	Surface collection	N	N	25	Ceramic fragments
IMP-59	362	M. Pavesik	1961	Surface collection	N	N	4	Ceramic fragments
IMP-80	372	Keith Johnson	1963	Surface collection	N	N	1	Ceramic fragments, brown ware with a mending hole
RIV-186	272	M. McKusick	1959	Subsurface testing	N	N	15	Ceramic fragments
SDI-71	558	Alex Apostolides	1969	Surface collection	N	N	3	Ceramic fragments
SDI-98	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	32	Ceramic fragments
SDI-98	558	Alex Apostolides	1969	Surface collection	N	N	11	Ceramic fragments and a perforated disc
SDI-109	25	Agnes Bierman; G. Guthrie and J. Hester	1950	Surface collection	N	N	430	Ceramic fragments
SDI-110	26	Agnes Bierman; G. Guthrie and J. Hester	1950	Surface collection	N	N	29	Ceramic fragments

Table 6. Continued.

Site Name	Accession	Excavator/Collector	Date	Type of Investigation	Associated Documents	Map	Quantity	Remarks
SDI-111	27	Agnes Bierman, G. Guthrie and J. Hester	1950	Surface collection	N	N	136	Ceramic fragments
SDI-111	70	Georgiana Guthrie	1950	Surface collection	N	N	360	Ceramic fragments
SDI-112	28	Agnes Bierman; G. Guthrie and J. Hester	1950	Surface collection	N	N	95	Ceramic fragments
SDI-113	29	Agnes Bierman; G. Guthrie and J. Hester	1950	Surface collection	N	N	14	Ceramic fragments
SDI-114	71	Georgiana Guthrie	1950	Surface collection	N	N	357	Ceramic fragments
SDI-115	19	Agnes Bierman; G. Guthrie and J. Hester	1950	Surface collection	N	N	65	Ceramic fragments
SDI-116	20	Agnes Bierman; G. Guthrie and J. Hester	1950	Surface collection	N	N	12	Ceramic fragments
SDI-117	21	Agnes Bierman; G. Guthrie and J. Hester	1950	Surface collection	N	N	60	Ceramic fragments
SDI-118	23	Agnes Bierman; G. Guthrie and J. Hester	1950	Surface collection	N	N	31	Ceramic fragments
SDI-149	250	Claude Warren	1959	Subsurface testing	Y	N	7	Ceramic fragments
SDI-161	155	Philip Epling	1956	Surface collection	N	N	70	Ceramic fragments
SDI-213	363	Claude Warren	1962	Surface collection	Y	Y	1	Ceramic fragments
SDI-235	72	Georgiana Guthrie	1950	Surface collection	N	N	115	Ceramic fragments
SDI-235	72	Georgiana Guthrie	1950	Surface collection	N	N	1	Perforated disc
SDI-255	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	47	Ceramic fragments
SDI-320	209	Claude Warren	1958	Surface collection	N	N	1	Ceramic fragment
SDI-323	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	205	Ceramic fragments
SDI-324	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	159	Ceramic fragments, one notched
SDI-325	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	3	Ceramic fragments
SDI-326	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	504 + 8 bags	Reconstructable vessel and fragments
SDI-327	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	31	Ceramic fragments
SDI-331	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	55	Ceramic fragments
SDI-332	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	16	Ceramic fragments
SDI-334	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	8 + 4 bags	Reconstructable vessel and fragments
SDI-336	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	25	Ceramic fragments
SDI-337	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	26	Ceramic fragments
SDI-338	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	21	Reconstructable vessel and fragments
SDI-343	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	57	Ceramic fragments
SDI-348	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	125	Ceramic fragments
SDI-349	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	45	Ceramic fragments

Table 6. Continued.

Site Name	Accession	Excavator/Collector	Date	Type of Investigation	Associated Documents	Map	Quantity	Remarks
SDI-351	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	25	Ceramic fragments
SDI-353	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	10	Ceramic fragments, one disc
SDI-355	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	33	Ceramic fragments
SDI-357	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	47	Ceramic fragments, one notched rim sherd
SDI-358	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	87	Reconstructable vessel and fragments
SDI-359	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	426	Ceramic fragments, one perforated disc and one grooved
SDI-360	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	67	Ceramic fragments, two reshaped
SDI-361	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	13	Ceramic fragments
SDI-362	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	7	Ceramic fragments
SDI-363	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	97	Ceramic fragments
SDI-364	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	228	Ceramic fragments, one grooved and one with drilled hole
SDI-365	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	134	Reconstructable vessel and fragments
SDI-366	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	9	Ceramic fragments
SDI-368	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	49	Ceramic fragments
SDI-369	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	290	Ceramic fragments, two reworked sherds
SDI-371	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	34	Ceramic fragments
SDI-373	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	19	Ceramic fragments
SDI-375	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	22	Ceramic fragments
SDI-376	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	20	Ceramic fragments
SDI-377	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	77	Ceramic fragments
SDI-379	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	14	Ceramic fragments
SDI-380	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	8	Ceramic fragments
SDI-381	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	5	Ceramic fragments
SDI-383	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	53	Ceramic fragments
SDI-385	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	22	Ceramic fragments
SDI-386	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	86	Ceramic fragments
SDI-388	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	31	Ceramic fragments
SDI-390	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	17	Ceramic fragments
SDI-391	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	91	Ceramic fragments
SDI-392	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	138	Ceramic fragments

Table 6. Continued.

Site Name	Accession	Excavator/Collector	Date	Type of Investigation	Associated Documents	Map	Quantity	Remarks
SDI-393	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	18	Ceramic fragments
SDI-396	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	1	Ceramic fragments
SDI-399	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	32	Ceramic fragments
SDI-401	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	30	Ceramic fragments
SDI-402	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	25	Ceramic fragments
SDI-407	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	5	Ceramic fragments
SDI-409	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	170	Ceramic fragments
SDI-412	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	24	Ceramic fragments
SDI-414	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	115	Ceramic fragments
SDI-415	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	3	Ceramic fragments
SDI-418	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	72	Ceramic fragments
SDI-419	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	158	Ceramic fragments
SDI-420	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	131	Ceramic fragments
SDI-421	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	24	Ceramic fragments
SDI-423	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	132	Ceramic fragments
SDI-425	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	28	Ceramic fragments
SDI-427	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	29	Ceramic fragments
SDI-428	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	40	Ceramic fragments
SDI-434	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	13	Ceramic fragments
SDI-436	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	29	Ceramic fragments
SDI-437	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	174	Ceramic fragments
SDI-438	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	137	Ceramic fragments, one painted
SDI-440	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	6	Ceramic fragments
SDI-443	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	89	Ceramic fragments
SDI-444	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	3	Ceramic fragments
SDI-448	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	12	Ceramic fragments
SDI-449	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	110	Ceramic fragments
SDI-453	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	162	Ceramic fragments
SDI-453	273	Joan Townsend	1959	Subsurface testing	N	N	367	Ceramic fragments, perforated disc
SDI-454	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	68	Ceramic fragments
SDI-455	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	16	Ceramic fragments
SDI-457	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	20	Ceramic fragments
SDI-459	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	34	Ceramic fragments
SDI-460	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	14	Ceramic fragments

Table 6. Continued.

Site Name	Accession	Excavator/Collector	Date	Type of Investigation	Associated Documents	Map	Quantity	Remarks
SDI-462	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	3	Ceramic fragments
SDI-463	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	3	Ceramic fragments
SDI-464	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	1	Ceramic fragments
SDI-465	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	39	Ceramic fragments
SDI-466	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	22	Ceramic fragments
SDI-467	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	8	Ceramic fragments
SDI-468	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	1	Ceramic fragments
SDI-471	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	11	Ceramic fragments
SDI-472	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	192	Ceramic fragments
SDI-474	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	84	Ceramic fragments
SDI-474a and b	270	Joan Townsend	1959	Subsurface testing	Y	N	298	Ceramic fragments, one worked
SDI-477	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	14	Ceramic fragments
SDI-479	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	49	Ceramic fragments
SDI-481	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	23	Ceramic fragments
SDI-482	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	6	Ceramic fragments
SDI-483	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	43	Ceramic fragments
SDI-484	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	158	Ceramic fragments
SDI-491	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	202	Ceramic fragments, four painted/incised sherds
SDI-499	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	51	Reconstructable vessel and fragments
SDI-500	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	8	Ceramic fragments
SDI-501	7	Clement Meighan	1953	Subsurface testing	N	N	1	Ceramic fragment
SDI-526	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	92	Ceramic fragments, one incised
SDI-530	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	11	Ceramic fragments
SDI-593	539	D.L. True	1961	Surface collection	Y	Y	222	Ceramic fragments, including Palomar Brown and pipe fragments
SDI-615	217	Claude Warren and D.L. True	1959	Surface collection	N	N	13	Ceramic fragments
SDI-682	463	D.L. True	1967	Surface collection	N	N	1	Drilled ceramic sherd
SDI-696	363	Claude Warren	1962	Surface collection	Y	Y	2	Ceramic fragments, including Palomar Brown
SDI-722	280	D. L. True	1958-59	Surface collection	N	N	94 + 5 bags	Reconstructable vessel and fragments
SDI-777	362	M. Pavesik	1961	Surface collection	N	N	47	Ceramic fragments, one disc

Table 6. Continued.

Site Name	Accession	Excavator/Collector	Date	Type of Investigation	Associated Documents	Map	Quantity	Remarks
SDI-778	362	M. Pavesik	1961	Surface collection	N	N	19	Ceramic fragments, one perforated
SDI-779	362	M. Pavesik	1961	Surface collection	N	N	6	Ceramic fragments
SDI-780	362	M. Pavesik	1961	Surface collection	N	N	5	Ceramic fragments
SDI-781	362	M. Pavesik	1961	Surface collection	N	N	1	Ceramic fragments
SDI-1113	558	Alex Apostolides	1969	Surface collection	N	N	14	Ceramic fragments
SDI-1116	558	Alex Apostolides	1969	Surface collection	N	N	17	Ceramic fragments
SDI-1117	558	Alex Apostolides	1969	Surface collection	N	N	11	Ceramic fragments
SDI-1120	558	Alex Apostolides	1969	Surface collection	N	N	9	Ceramic fragments
SDI-1126	558	Alex Apostolides	1969	Surface collection	N	N	1	Ceramic fragment
SDI-1128	558	Alex Apostolides	1969	Surface collection	N	N	1	Ceramic fragment
SDI-1132	558	Alex Apostolides	1969	Surface collection	N	N	9	Ceramic fragments
SDI-1133	558	Alex Apostolides	1969	Surface collection	N	N	2	Ceramic fragments
Clark Lake, SDI	73	Georgiana Guthrie	1950	Surface collection	N	N	31	Ceramic fragments
Clark Lake, SDI	74	Georgiana Guthrie	1950	Surface collection	N	N	56	Ceramic fragments
Anza Borrego, SDI	75-77	Georgiana Guthrie	1950	Surface collection	N	N	101	Ceramic fragments
Anza Borrego, SDI	195	Clement Meighan	1958	Surface collection	N	Y	91	Ceramic fragments
Borrego Lake, SDI	78, 79	Georgiana Guthrie	1950	Surface collection	N	N	40	Ceramic fragments
Beach Club, La Jolla, SDI	83	Unknown donor	1950?	Surface collection	N	N	11	Ceramic fragments

Timbisha Shoshone Territory (Great Basin Culture Area)

The Timbisha Shoshone (Death Valley Shoshone, or Panamint Shoshone) lived in Death Valley, Saline Valley, and Panamint Valley. Their territory also extended into the mountains surrounding these valleys and into adjacent Owens Valley and the Little Lake area. Twelve collections associated with the Owens Valley Paiute overlap with the Timbisha Shoshone (Table 9).

Mono Lake/Northern Paiute Territory (Great Basin Culture Area)

The Mono Lake/Northern Paiute utilized areas from Yosemite and Mono Lake south into the northern Owens Valley of Inyo County. The greater Northern Paiute territory extends from northeastern California into southeastern Oregon and western Nevada. The Fowler Museum curates five pot sherds from three locations (Table 10).

Table 7. Fowler Museum Ceramic Collections from the Luiseño Area.

Site Name	Accession	Excavator/Collector	Date	Type of Investigation	Associated Documents	Map	Quantity	Remarks
W. slope, Mt. Palomar	423	Unknown donor	1974	Surface Collection	N	N	7	Ceramic fragments
RIV-4	61	Clement Meighan	1953	Surface collection	N	N	122	Ceramic fragments
RIV-129	63	Clement Meighan	1953	Surface collection	N	N	265	Ceramic fragments
Warmer Springs, RIV	513	Unknown donor	1961	Surface Collection	N	N	10	Ceramic fragments
SDI-242	30	Hal Eberhart	1951	Surface collection	N	N	87	Ceramic fragments
SDI-302	33	Hal Eberhart and D.L. True	1952	Surface collection	N	N	7	Ceramic fragments
SDI-308	116	D.L. True	1955 1957	Subsurface testing	Y	N	3237 + 1 bag	Ceramic vessel fragments, two disc fragments, a pipe
SDI-603	295	Robert Crabtree	1960 1961	Subsurface testing	Y	Y	56	Ceramic fragments, including Palomar Brown
SDI-615	34	Hal Eberhart and D.L. True	1952	Surface collection	N	N	3	Ceramic fragments
SDI-616	32	Hal Eberhart and D.L. True	1952	Surface collection	N	N	195	Ceramic fragments
SDI-625	31	Hal Eberhart and D.L. True	1952	Surface collection	N	N	2	Ceramic fragments

Table 8. Fowler Museum Ceramic Collections from the Owens Valley Paiute Area.

Site Name	Accession	Excavator/Collector	Date	Type of Investigation	Associated Documents	Map	Quantity	Remarks
INY-1448	458	Clay Singer	1966	Surface collection	N	N	2	Ceramic fragments
INY-1458	458	Clay Singer	1966	Surface collection	N	N	27	Ceramic fragments

Table 9. Fowler Museum Ceramic Collections from the Owens Valley Paiute/Timbisha Shoshone Area.

Site Name	Accession	Excavator/Collector	Date	Type of Investigation	Associated Documents	Map	Quantity	Remarks
INY-32	248	Georgiana Guthrie	1950	Subsurface testing	Y	Y	2	Ceramic fragments
INY-230	364	E.L. Davis	1961– 65	Surface collection	Y	Y	9	Brown ware ceramic fragments
INY-231	364	E.L. Davis	1961– 65	Surface collection	Y	Y	1	Ceramic fragments
INY-238	364	E.L. Davis	1961– 65	Surface collection	Y	Y	23	Ceramic fragments
INY-240	364	E.L. Davis	1961– 65	Surface collection	Y	Y	5	Ceramic fragments
INY-241	364	E.L. Davis	1961– 65	Surface collection	Y	Y	5	Ceramic fragments
IO-21, INY-1449	40	Robert Farrell	1951	Surface collection	N	Y	22	Ceramic fragments

Table 9. Continued.

Site Name	Accession	Excavator/Collector	Date	Type of Investigation	Associated Documents	Map	Quantity	Remarks
IO-22, INY-1450	43	Robert Farrell	1951	Surface collection	N	Y	6	Ceramic fragments
IO-31, INY-1455	45	Robert Farrell	1951	Surface collection	N	N	13	Ceramic fragments
Near Little Lake, INY	50	Unknown donor	1952	Surface collection	N	N	16	Ceramic fragments
N. of Little Lake, INY	108	Clement Meighan	1953	Surface collection	N	N	14	Ceramic fragments
N. Panamint Valley, INY	364	E.L. Davis	1961–65	Surface collection	Y	Y	82	Ceramic fragments

Table 10. Fowler Museum Ceramic Collections from the Mono Lake/Northern Paiute Area.

Site Name	Accession	Excavator/Collector	Date	Type of Investigation	Associated Documents	Map	Quantity	Remarks
MNO-382	436	Joseph W Michaels	1963	Subsurface testing	N	N	3	Ceramic fragments
Mono Arcularius Ranch	489	Paul Aiello	1964	Surface collection	N	N	1	Brown ware ceramic fragment
Mono Lake Survey	303	E.L. Davis	1962	Surface collection	N	N	1	Brown ware ceramic fragment

Serrano Territory (California Culture Area)

Serrano territory incorporated the San Bernardino Mountains and parts of the Mojave River area, and it extended southeast to Tejon Creek and south to the San Gabriel Mountains. There are nine collections at the Fowler Museum that contain pottery from the Serrano territory (Table 11).

Tübatulabal Territory (California Culture Area)

The Fowler Museum has five collections from Tübatulabal territory, which is on the upper Kern River and in adjacent southwestern Sierra Nevada (Table 12). The Tübatulabal had close relations with neighboring groups. There was travel into one another’s territories. To the north and west they shared use areas with the Yokuts. To the south and east their Great Basin

Kawaiisu neighbors had ceramic materials similar to those found at locations listed in Table 12.

The spectacular CA-KER-1 village was the first scientifically documented site within both Tübatulabal territory and Kern County. It was recorded at least three times over a 35+ year period, first by Franklin Fenenga, Fritz Riddell, Clement W. Meighan, and other University of California, Berkeley, students in the late 1940s, then again by a party of students from the University of California, Santa Barbara, in the late 1970s, and finally and most completely by Brian Dervin Dillon and UCLA archaeologists in 1983 (Moratto 2013). All visitors to the site noted its abundant surface pottery, but few made scientific collections. The importance of repeated and increasingly meticulous recording and surface collecting was underscored with the near total destruction of

Table 11. Fowler Museum Ceramic Collections for the Serrano Area.

Site Name	Accession	Excavator/Collector	Date	Type of Investigation	Associated Documents	Map	Quantity	Remarks
SBR-28	55	A. Bierman/A. Mohr	1948	Surface collection	N	N	54	Ceramic fragments
SBR-30	56	A. Bierman/A. Mohr	1948	Surface collection	N	N	16	Ceramic fragments
SBR-35	58	A. Bierman/A. Mohr	1948	Surface collection	N	N	4	Ceramic fragments
SBR-29	59	A. Bierman/A. Mohr	1953	Surface collection	N	N	26	Ceramic fragments
SBR-128	293	Gordon Grosscup	1960	Surface collection	N	Y	15	Ceramic fragments
SBR-129	293	Gordon Grosscup	1960	Surface collection	N	Y	15	Ceramic fragments
SBR-208	293	Gordon Grosscup	1960	Surface collection	N	Y	6	Ceramic fragments
SBR-261	293	Gordon Grosscup	1960	Subsurface testing	N	Y	84	Reconstructable vessel and fragments, some painted sherds
SBR-335	365	Christopher B. Donnan	1962	Subsurface testing	Y	Y	584	Ceramic fragments

Table 12. Fowler Museum Ceramic Collections from the Tübatulabal Area.

Site Name	Accession	Excavator/Collector	Date	Type of Investigation	Associated Documents	Map	Quantity	Remarks
KER-1	661	Brian Dillon	1983	Surface collection	Y	Y	2	Ceramic fragments
KER-192/78	106	Clement Meighan	1953	Surface collection	N	Y	4	Ceramic fragments
KER-192/78	113	Winans and Kowta	1954	Subsurface testing	Y	N	232	Ceramic fragments, including one with incisions and a pipe fragment
KER-194	104	Clement Meighan	1953	Surface collection	N	N	3	Ceramic fragments
Upper Kern River	546	Dorothy Griffin	1963	Surface collection	Y	Y	54	Ceramic fragments including one notched rim

the KER-1 midden circa 2004 when, despite reams of documentary evidence for the site's existence and need for protection, bureaucratic neglect allowed its bulldozing (Dillon, personal communication 2012). This unfortunate event emphasizes the necessity for preserving intact museum collections in perpetuity.

Conclusions

The prehistoric and historic pottery collections housed at the Fowler Museum, UCLA, have received little attention from archaeologists who study

the development and spread of ceramic technology. Many of these collections have languished in storage since they were cataloged by museum staff decades ago; our inventory constitutes their first revisit since those times. This study highlights such collections for their potential as resources for archaeological research. Unfortunately, many of these collections are undervalued because field documentation is often lacking, but we hope missing documents might be recognized and reunited with their artifactual brethren. Students interested in California ceramics ignore museum collections at their peril.

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