WOODLAND CERAMICS IN WESTERN WISCONSIN

600

400 *EARLY WOODLAND*

200

0 *BC* / *AD*

200 *MIDDLE WOODLAND*

400

600

800 *LATE WOODLAND*

1000

1200

Marion/LaMoille Thick

500-100BC

Thick, coarse grit temper cord roughened-interior and exterior, occasional bold finger nail impressions.

Havana

200-400AD

Thick, coarse grit temper, bottom half cord roughened, top half smooth, decorated with zones of bold tool stamping (including occasional rocker stamping); nodes or bosses common, and bevelled lip.

Prairie/Black Sand

100BC-200AD

Thin walls, sand temper, 90% are cord roughened, incised over cord marked, with zones of finger nail impressions.

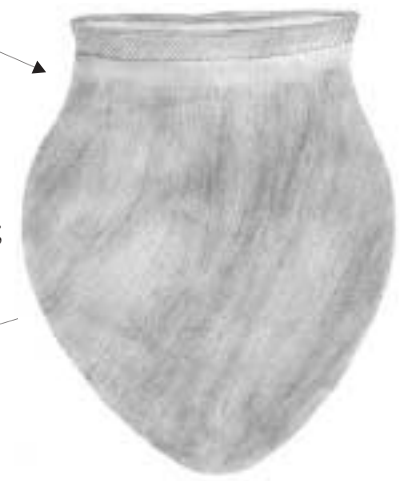
Lane Farm

500-700AD

Thin wall, fine grit temper, first cord impressions placed over a smooth surface; sometimes lower body is rocker stamped.

Weaver/Linn

400-500AD



Thin walls, fine grit temper, bottom half cord roughened, top half smooth with fine tool stamping; no bosses

Madison

700-1200AD

Thin walls, fine grit temper, cord roughened, cord/fabric impressed, decoration placed over a cord roughened surface.

Shapes in woodland ceramics range from relatively flat bottoms with straight walls, (Marion) to a globular form with slightly conical bottom (Madison).

The size of woodland ceramics was also subject to change through time. The Marion /LaMoille vessels possibly held half a gallon, while Madison vessels were able to hold two to three gallons.

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