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The White Clay Pottery in the Western Regions of Gold Horde

The white clay pottery, that was wade from stony rock, being grinded into powder with glue additions, received noticeable dissemination at the south of Eastern Europe since the middle of XIII century, after formation of Gold Horde. At the first stage (second half XIII – first third XIX centuries) it is represented with vessels, imported from Iran and Syria. To the middle of XIV cent. the mass production of local white clay pottery was organized at Gold Horde cities of Lower Volga Region. But the complex of pottery from cities of western regions of Gold Horde (from Dnestr basin to Lower Done basin) differs radically from complex of cities of central domen of Gold Horde of Lower Volga Region. One of noticeable differences is little percent of white clay pottery among table ware, that was used there.

At the first stage (before the end of first third of XIV cent.) white clay vessels found there are represented with cups from hard white clay with thin walls and undistinguished rim. They are covered with polychrome under glaze painting. The typical its elements are the huge rosettes at the center, knots of vertical lines, vegetable leaves. Jugs with such painting were found too. The painting was fulfilled with thin brush. Vessels with luster painting over white background from Iran and luster painting over ultramarine background are met also.

At the second stage the vessels from more crumbly white clay with more thick walls received dissemination. Assortment of articles was increased, but semispherical cups with turned brim were predominated over other. Main details of painting are distinguished in relief; the polychrome painting was fulfilled over it. Among large umber of variants the limited number of schemes is noticeable. Vessels with monochrome painting under turquoise glaze are found also. Other varieties were met much rarely. The dissemination of white clay pottery itself in the second half of XIV cent. at western regions of Gold Horde was connected with migration of population from capital's region of Lover Volga basin.