

18th Century Material Culture

German Stoneware



German
Salt Glazed Stoneware
Storage Bottles / Jugs



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug from Raeren
c. 1480 - 1610
(Museum of London)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug from Frechen
c. 1600
(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bottle from Raeren
c. 1481 - 1610
(Museum of London)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bottle from Frechen

c. 1551 - 1700

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(Museum of London)



Miniature German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug from Frechen

c. 1550 - 1700

(Chipstone)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug from Frechen

c. 1650 - 1700

(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug
c. 1750
(Chipstone)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug

c. 1700

(Parade Antiques)

“Bellarmine” Bottles / Jugs

Bellarmino Bottles or Jugs are brown or gray salt glazed stonewares that were manufactured primarily in Germany from the 16th through 18th centuries. They feature a mask of the bearded Cardinal Robert Bellarmine (1542-1621), a fierce opponent of Protestantism in the Low Countries and northern Germany. While this decoration is present is uncertain, it may have been conceived by Dutch or English Protestants to ridicule the Cardinal or to his stance against alcohol.

Bellarmino Bottles and Jugs were heavily produced in the towns of Frechen, Altenrath, Sieburg and the city of Cologne. When produced along the Rhine River, they are often referred to as “Rhenish”. These wares were widely distributed throughout parts of Continental Europe and England. They also show up in North American excavations.

Bellarmino Bottles and Jugs are often referred to as “Greybeards” in England. In Germany, they are frequently known as “Bartmanns” or “Bearded Men”



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Koin

c. 1550

(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Koin

c. 1525 - 1550
(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Raeren

c. 1575

(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen
c. 1600
(Bowes Museum)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen

c. 1575 - 1600

(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Koln
c. 1580 - 1600
(Brunk Auctions)



German / French Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug
c. 1600
(Brunk Auctions)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug
c. 1600
(Potteries Museum & Art Gallery Photographer: M. Coupe)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug
c. 1600
(Potteries Museum & Art Gallery Photographer: M. Coupe)



Robert Hunter

German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug
17th Century
(Robert Hunter)



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German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug
17th Century
(Robert Hunter)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug

c. 1600 - 1620

(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen

c. 1600

(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug
c. 1600 - 1620
(Crocker Farm)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug
c. 1600
(Marty Edgell Antiques)



Robert Hunter

German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug
Dated 1600
(Ceramics in America - Robert Hunter)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug
Dated 1600
(Ceramics in America - Robert Hunter)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug Shard
Dated 1600
(Ceramics in America - Robert Hunter)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen
c. 1600
(Private Collection)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen
c. 1650
(Antique Associates of West Townsend)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug Recovered in England
c. 1585 - 1600
(Suffolk House Antiques)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen
c. 1650
(Suffolk House Antiques)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen
c. 1670
(Suffolk House Antiques)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug

c. 1670 - 1700

(Private Collection)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug
c. 1670 - 1700
(Suffolk House Antiques)



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German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen
c. 1670 - 1700
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German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug

c. 1670 - 1700

(John Howard)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug

c. 1670 - 1700

(John Howard)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug

c. 1650

(John Howard)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug
c. 1670 - 1700
(Yew Tree House Antiques)



German / Rhenish Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen
c. 1680
(Private Collection)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug

c. 1720 - 1750
(Chipstone)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen
c. 1670 - 1700
(Antique Associates of West Townsend)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen
c. 1600
(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug

c. 1585 - 1600

(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug

c. 1600 - 1650

(Private Collection)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen
c. 1670
(Suffolk House Antiques)



German / Rhenish Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Bottles from Frechen
c. 1680
(Private Collection)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen

c. 1600 - 1650

(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen

c. 1650 - 1700

(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen

c. 1650 - 1700

(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen

c. 1600 - 1700

(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen

c. 1650 - 1700

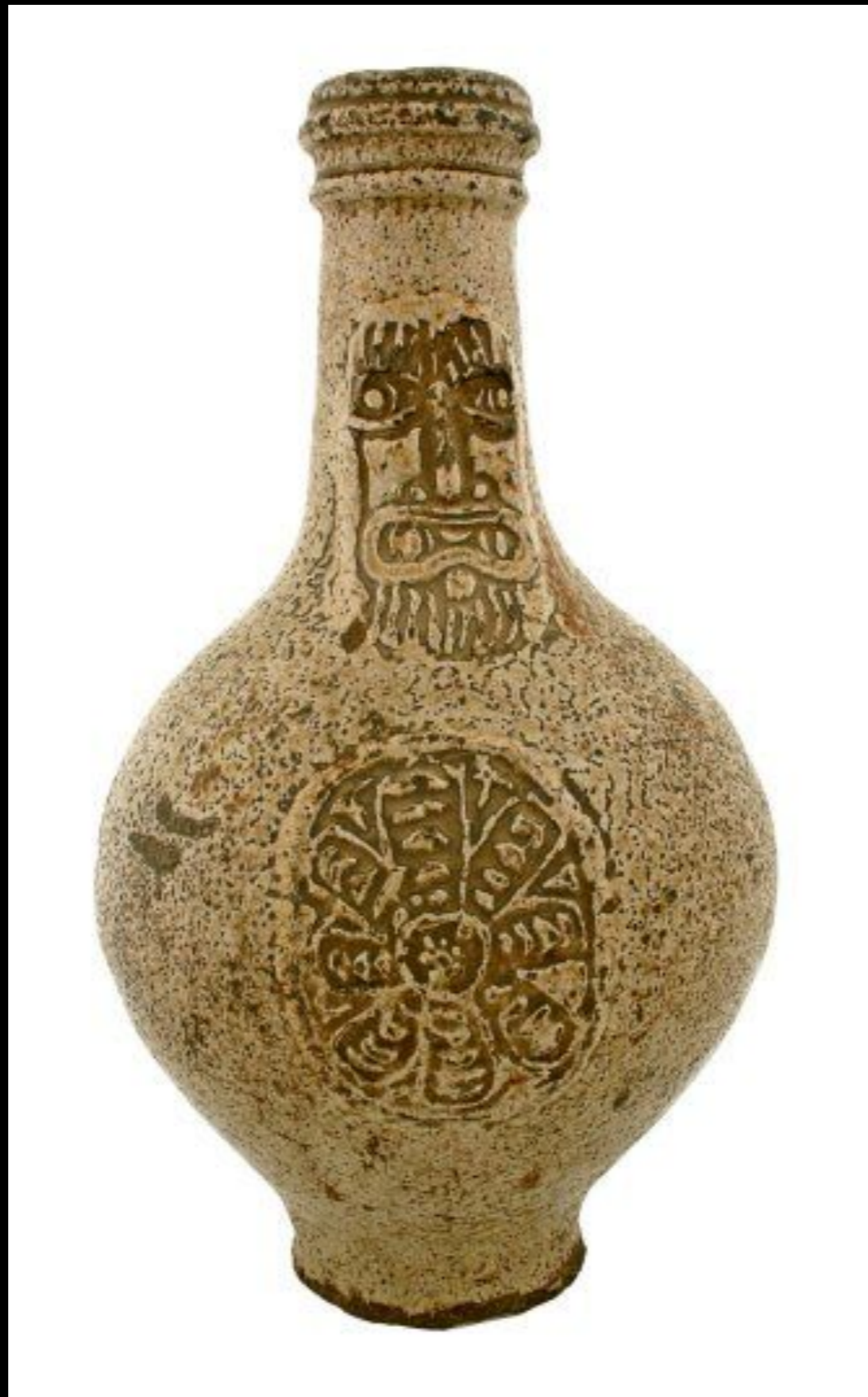
(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug
c. 1665
(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Bottle
c. 1601 - 1700
(Museum of London)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Bottle

c. 1700

(Bunratty Collection)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug
c. 1660 - 1665
(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug
c. 1670
(Chipstone Foundation)



German / Rhenish Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Bottles from Frechen
c. 1680
(Chipstone)



German / Rhenish Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Bottles
17th Century
(Private Collection)



German / Rhenish Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Bottle
Recovered from the 1752 Dutch Shipwreck of the Geldermalsen in the Indian Ocean c. 1720 - 1750
(Chipstone)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Raeren, Excavated in London

1601

(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug Shard Excavated at Jamestown, Virginia
c. 1600
(Historic Jamestown)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug Shard Excavated at Jamestown, Virginia
c. 1608 - 1610
(Historic Jamestown)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug Shard Excavated at Jamestown, Virginia
c. 1608 - 1610
(Historic Jamestown)



1604 Double Eagle Medallion

German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug Shard Excavated at Jamestown, Virginia
c. 1608 - 1610
(Historic Jamestown)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug Shard Excavated at the Three Cranes Tavern in Charlestown, Massachusetts
Tavern Burned by the British on June 17, 1775 Shard c. 1650 - 1700
(City of Boston Archeology Program)

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German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen (Restored) Excavated at Pemaquid, Maine
c. 1610
(Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug Shards Excavated at Cupid's Cove Plantation, Canada
17th Century
(Cupid's Cove Plantation)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug Shards Excavated at Cupid's Cove Plantation, Canada
17th Century
(Cupid's Cove Plantation)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug Shard Excavated at the Hare Harbor Whaling Site in Quebec, Canada
17th Century
(Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Shard
From a 17th Century Merchant Shipwreck in Bay Roberts Harbour, Newfoundland and Labrador Canada
(Cable Building National Historic Site, Bay Roberts, Newfoundland and Labrador)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Koin

c. 1525 - 1550
(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Koin

c. 1525 - 1550
(Victoria & Albert)



Still Life
by George Flegel c. 1635
(Walrat - Richartz Museum)



Still Life

by George Flegel (German, 1563-1638)
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen

c. 1580 - 1600

(Victoria & Albert)



Old Peasant with Jug
by Frans van Mieris the Younger (1689 - 1763, Leiden)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen
Attributed to Master Potter Jean Rifflet, AKA Dame Jeanne (Jans' lady) Dated 1699
(Antique Associates of West Townsend)



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German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen
c. 1670 - 1700
(Antique Associates of West Townsend)



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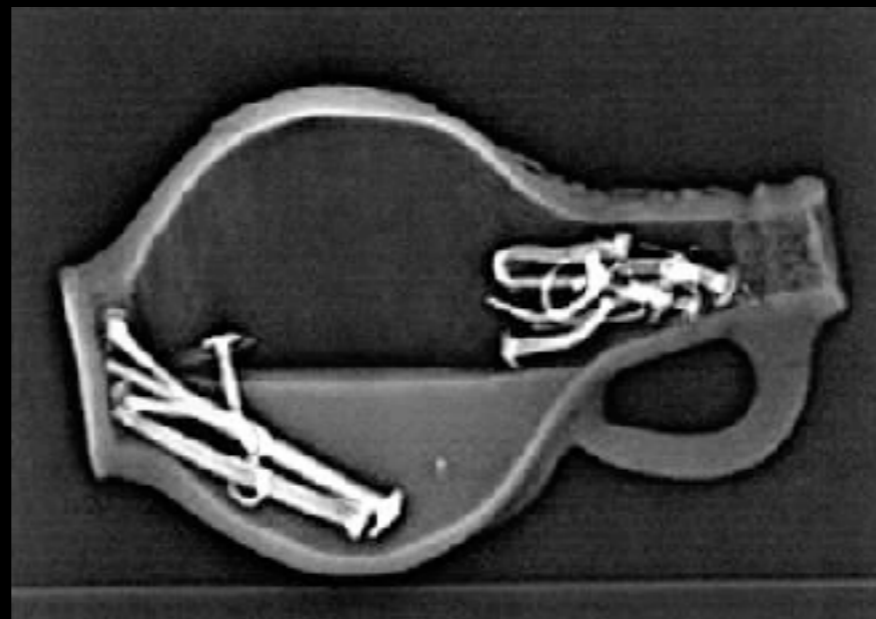
c. 1575 - 1600
(Skinner)

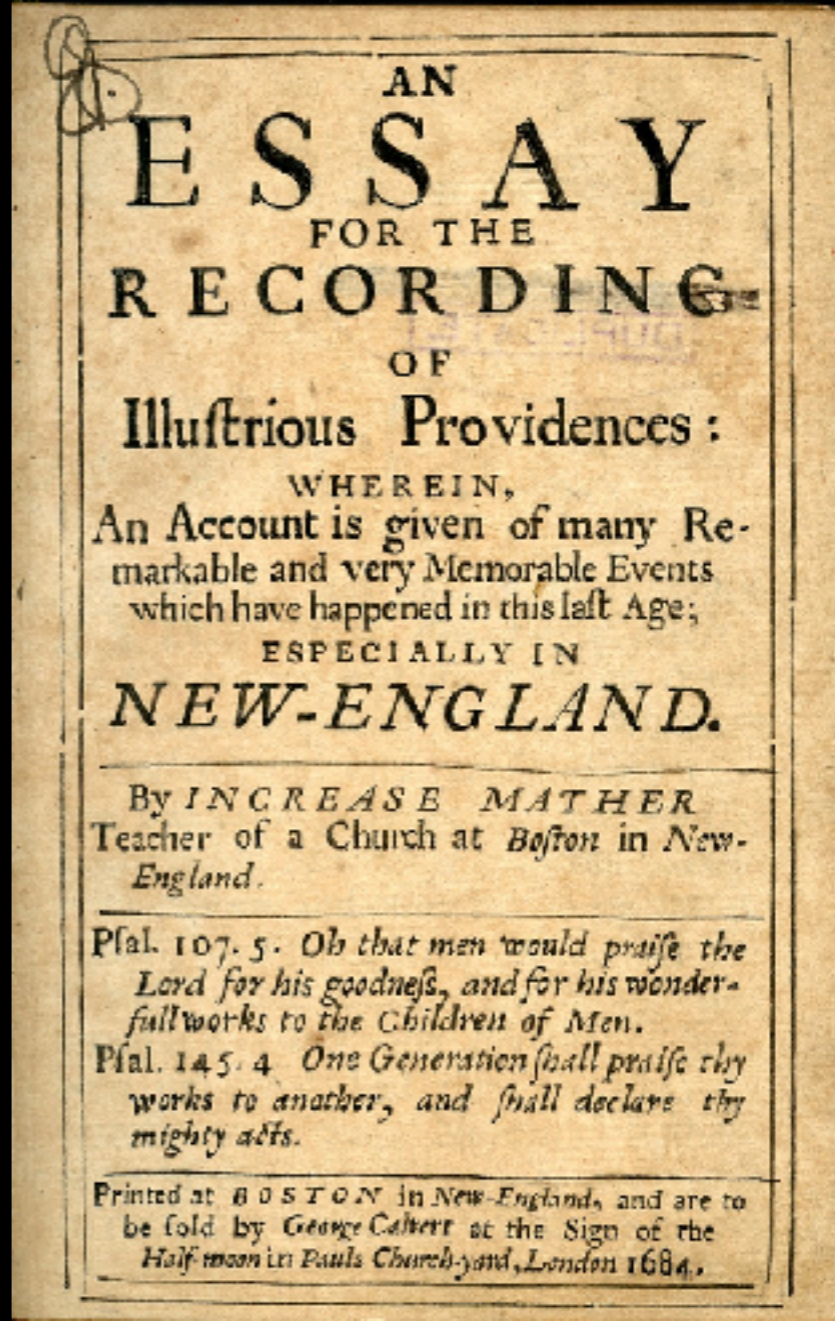
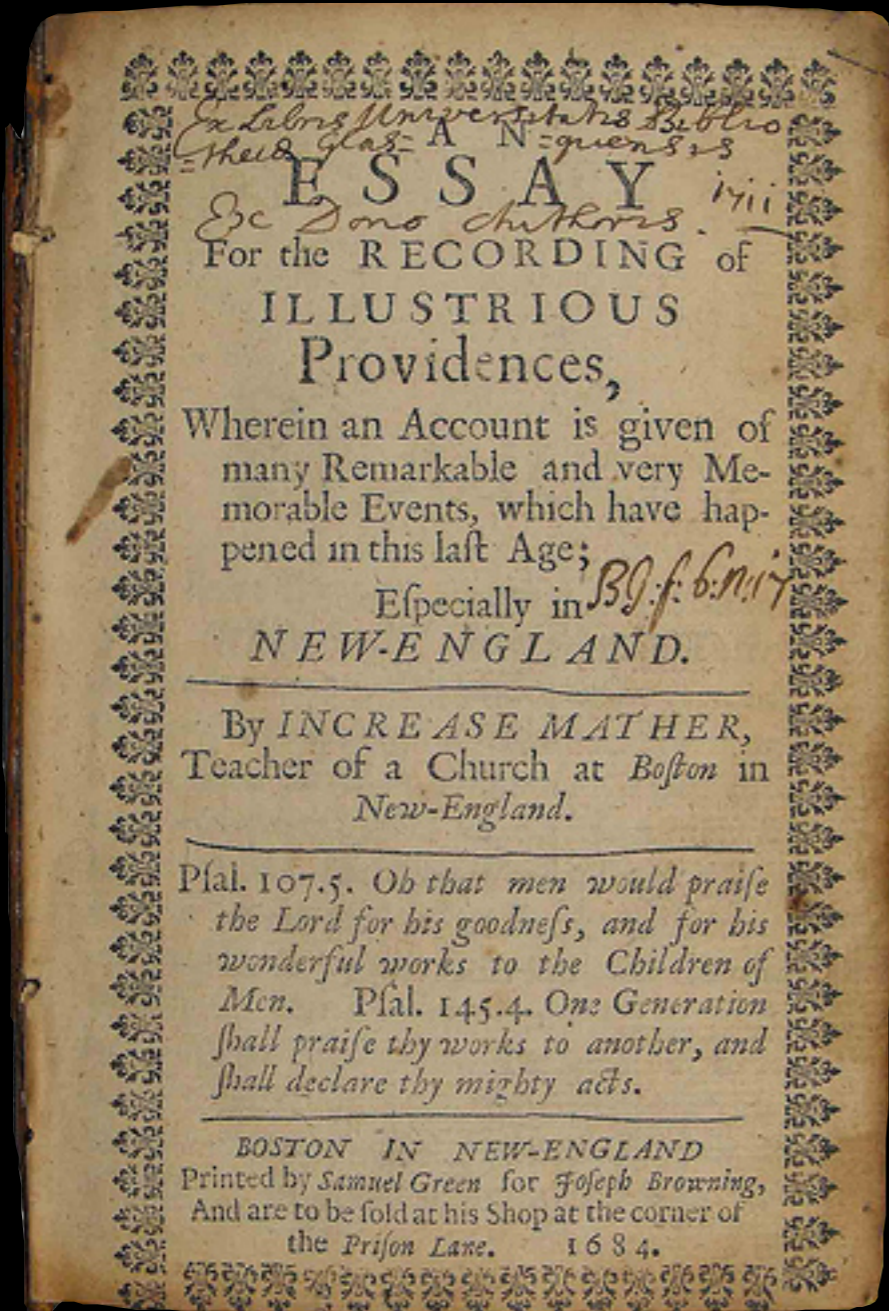


German Salt Glazed Pewter Mounted Stoneware Bellarmine Jug from Frechen
Dated 1699
(Antique Associates of West Townsend)

Bellarmino “Witch” Bottles

Thought to ward off evil spells and spirits, “Witch” Bottles were often employed by superstitious parties during the 17th century to protect their homes and families. These salt glazed Bellarmino stonewares (primarily England) or glass bottles (primarily North America) have been found buried upside down within foundations, under floorboards and hearth stones, and hidden deep within walls or chimneys. Nearly 200 examples of these artifacts have been found to date. Those that have been found intact are usually filled with a combination of human urine, bent nails and pins, animal bones, pierced artificial human “hearts”, human hair and nail clippings. Chemical analysis reveals that sulphur or brimstone may have also been added to this unusual and fascinating mixture.





“Essay for the Recording of Illustrious Providences: ...”
by Increase Mather 1684
(Danvers Library)

“How persons that shall unbewitch others by putting Urin into a Bottle... can wholly clear themselves from being witches” (Mather 1684:269)

“the Urine must be bottled with Nails and Pinns, and such Instruments in it as carry a Shew of Torture with them, if it attain its End” (Cotton Mather 1691, quoted in Godbeer 1992:44).



Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Bottle used as a "Witch Bottle"

Found Buried Upside Down in Greenwich, South - East London

Filled with Human Urine, Bent Nails and Pins, A Nail - Pierced Leather "Heart", Fingernail Clippings, & Hair

Presence of Iron Sulphide Suggests the Addition of Sulphur or Brimstone

17th Century

(British Archeology - Discover Greenwich - Old Naval College, Greenwich)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Bottle used as a "Witch Bottle"
Remnants of Human Hair and a Pierced Cloth "Human Heart"
17th Century



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Bottle used as a "Witch Bottle"
17th Century
(Museum of London)



Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Bottle used as a "Witch Bottle"
17th Century
(Private Collection)



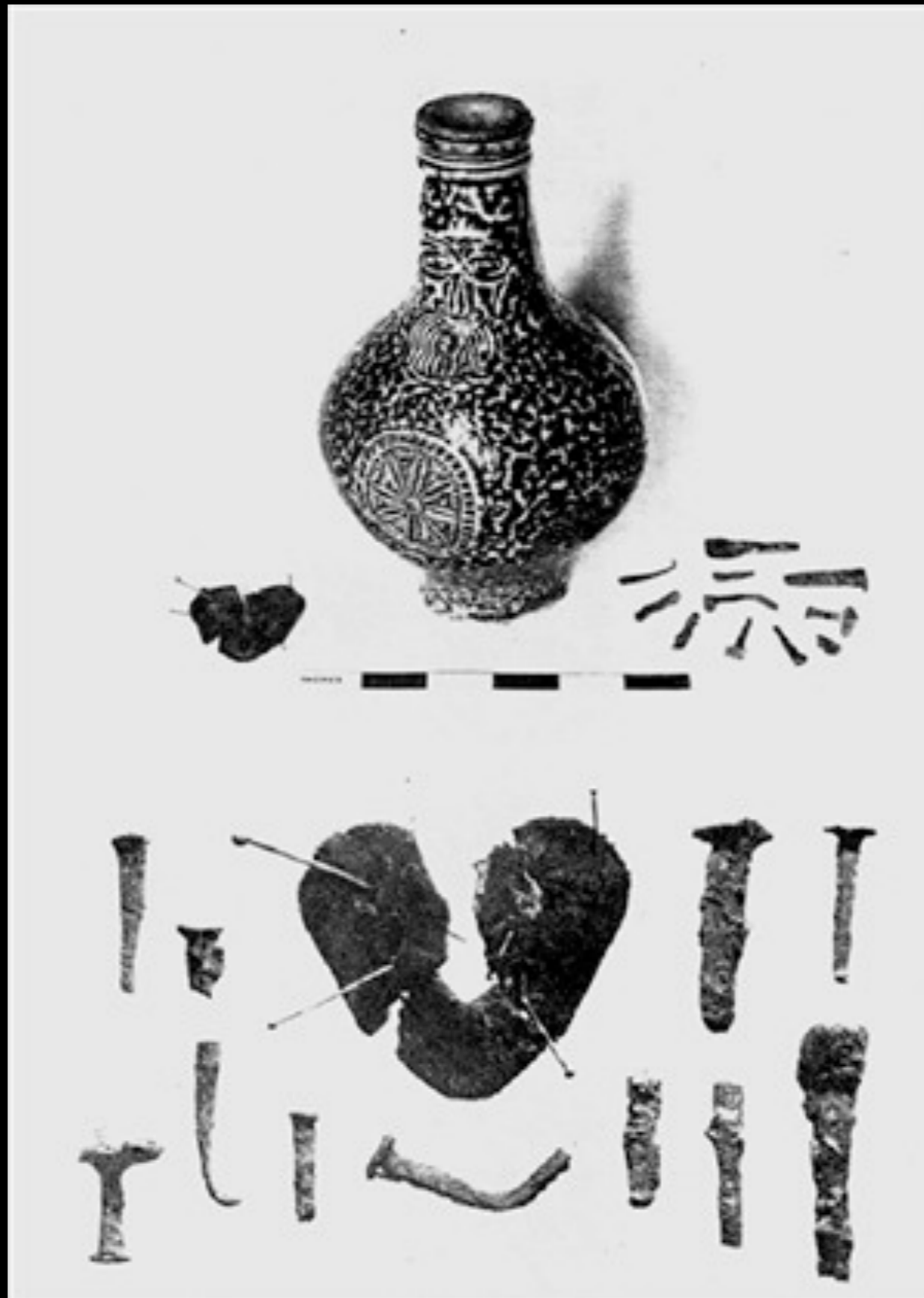
German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Bottle used as a "Witch Bottle"
Found Buried with the Skull of a Cat at Battersea Square, London (Bottle Dated 1669)
(Wandsworth Historical Society)



Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine used as a "Witch Bottle"
17th Century
(Norfolk Landscape Archaeology)



Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Bottle known as the "Holywell Witch Bottle"
Excavated in London 17th Century
(Museum of London)



Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Bottle used as a "Witch Bottle"
Found in the Mud of the Thames River, London 17th Century
(Merrifield 1955)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Bottles from Frechen used as “Witch” Bottles
Recovered from the Thames River (Left) and Beneath the Hearth of a Cottage at Stratford St. Mary, Suffolk (Right)
c. 1660 - 1665
(Noël Hume Collection - Chipstone Foundation)

Do “Witch” Bottles Work?

Well, it's been 22 years since I bought this on our Honeymoon to London
And she's still here... So I would have to say NO



Do “Witch” Bottles Work?

Oh come on, that was funny. Have a sense of humor



Over 25 years later and she's still putting up with my nonsense... I'm pretty lucky

German
Salt Glazed Stoneware
Serving Jugs



German Salt Glazed Walzenkrug Stoneware Jug from Raeren
Dated 1603
(Antique Associates of West Townsend)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug from Raeren

1598

(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug from Raeren
c. 1600
(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug from Raeren

1602

(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug from Raeren
c. 1600
(Milwaukee Art Museum)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug from Raeren

1603

(Victoria & Albert)



Still Life
Circle of George Flegel 17th Century
(Hampel Auctions)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug from Frechen
c. 1580 - 1600
(Victoria & Albert)



Still Life

by George Flegel (German, 1563-1638)
(Private Collection)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug from Siegburg Depicting the Arms of Juliers, Cleves and Berg
c. 1550 - 1600
(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Bellarmine Jug
c. 1540 - 1560
(Antique Associates of West Townsend)



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German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug from Siegburg

c. 1650

(Antique Associates of West Townsend)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug from Raeren

c. 1580 - 1600

(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug with English Mount
c. 1550 - 1600
(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug
c. 1500 - 1600
(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Mug from Frechen
c. 1600 Late 17th - Early 18th Century
(Antique Associates of West Townsend)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug Excavated in Fairford, England
c. 1600 - 1700
(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug
c. 1600 - 1620
(Robert Hunter)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug from Raeren
c. 1580 - 1600
(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug from Frechen

c. 1600 - 1620

(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Jug from Waldenburg
c. 1580 - 1620
(Victoria & Albert)

German
Salt Glazed Stoneware
Mugs & Tankards



Robert Hunter

German Salt Glazed Stoneware Mug Made for the English Market
Dated 1600
(Robert Hunter - Ceramics in America)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Mug Made for the English Market
Dated 1600
(Robert Hunter - Ceramics in America)



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German Salt Glazed Stoneware Mug
Late 17th - Early 18th Century
(Antique Associates of West Townsend)



German Salt Glazed Walzenkrug Pewter Mounted Stoneware Tankard from Raeren
Dated 1702
(Antique Associates of West Townsend)



German Salt Glazed Pewter Mounted Stoneware Tankard from Creussen

c. 1720 - 1740

(Antique Associates of West Townsend)



German Salt Glazed Pewter Mounted Stoneware Tankard from Allenburg
Engraved "FRL 1683"
(Antique Associates of West Townsend)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Mug from Creussen

1653

(Victoria & Albert)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Mug from the Muskau Factory
Lid Dated 1682
(Fox Auctions)



German Salt Glazed Stoneware Mug from Altenberg
Lid Dated "ACP 1783"
(Skinner)

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