

Walter
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The Gables,
Stoke under Ham,
Somerset.

Dear Sir
I am afraid that
I must commence with
an apology as an entire
stranger in writing to you
at all, but hope that to
such an enthusiastic
archeologist as yourself,
the subject may be deemed
a sufficient excuse
When at our Museum
at Taunton. I often get
a glimpse of your
unrivalled work and
at Vol II p 25. you
speak of "fibulae" from
"the village of Rotherly"
with flat bows tapering

gradually towards the nose
and having a slight
arch..... peculiar to
these villages, and are
not represented as far
as I know in illustrations
of Fibular from elsewhere.
You probably know
Wain Hill a portion of
a long range of Neolithic
earthworks (Bord Du
adopted and occupied
by the Romans.
I have for the last fifty
years been a collector
of finds from there and
I take the liberty of
enclosing you photos
of some of the usual
type of Fibular from

there. Are they not similar
to those you speak of
from Rotherly &c?
I enclose one or two
other photos which may
interest you - if so. do
me the favour to accept
them. The first five
flints - Are they arrow
heads or are they amulets,
would they sharpen them
for rubbing into the
shaft with certainty of
splitting it? Mr. Ed
Cunnington says he
has generally found
them in interments.
I am dear Sir
Yours truly
Walter Winterbottom



Bull's head in Bronze. Ham Hill. nw

Walter, Winter, Walter.

"A very fine piece of Celtic work" Sir A.W. Franks.

"Extremely interesting" Late Celtic. A.G. Wright, Guildhall

"Undoubtedly late Celtic" Arthur Evans. Ashmolean Museum.

"Undoubtedly of late Celtic work." Canon Greenwell. Durham

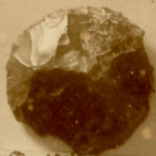
Natural Size.



Flints from Ham Hill



Natural size.



Walter Winterhalter



Roman Fibula from
black earth. north side of
Ham Hill. showing traces
of tin-plating -



Bronze Brooches
(Roman) from N.W.
side of Ham Hill with
slints, bones, etc.



Roman Fibula
with hinges at narrow end
from NW Ham Hill



Bronze Brooch from
NW side of Ham Hill
with slints etc.



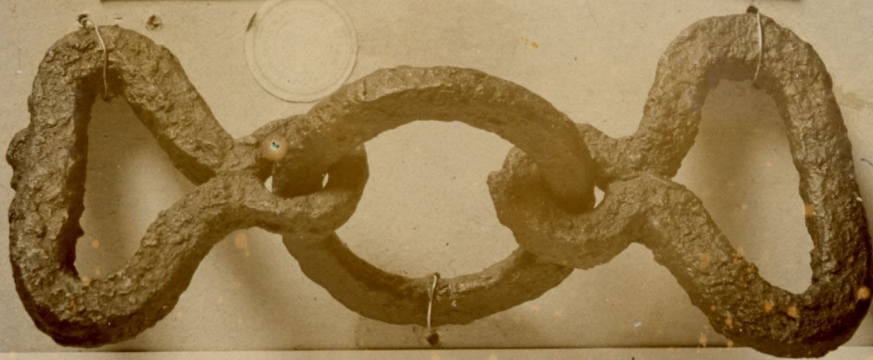
Roman Fibula
NW of Ham Hill



Roman Fibula
from foss. Ham Hill, NW.



Roman "Stylus" for writing on waxed tablet ("tabula"). The flat end was used for erasing what had been written & smoothing the wax for writing again - hence "vertere stylum" was a proverbial expression - our word "style" derived from it. primarily applied to character of writing. - Wright.
from Ham Hill. N.



Found with spindle whorl, flints, pottery and burnishers on H.W. of Ham Hill.
Query - Can it belong to hand cuffs or is it a horse bit?



Fibula from Ham Hill

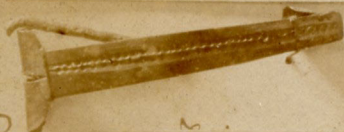
"I think it Roman but we have none of the type, in the British Museum." Reads "Roman. a wandur." Thanks "Celtic - a similar one in our museum" (Guldhall). "A longt. all Fibulae made in one piece may be taken as Celtic" (Arthur Evans Ashmolean Museum) (Not all Fibulae made in one piece. A.J.E.)



Roman Fibula
from South side of
found with or near
creeks of Coins. bones
& Pottery



casts of Fibulae from
Ham Hill taken by RW



Rom
from no

Doublet
Roman

adorned



Bronze Ring
from Gully with
antler. small pick
finger ring



Bronze Brooch.
from NW side of H Hill
found with Bulls head

natural Size



Bronze Dove (Eagle?) from Ham Hill. S
with screw holes for outspread wings
and olive branch in the mouth (?)

Walter Winter-Waller

"The Eagle (or Dove) is very puzzling. The
work looks Roman, but the screw holes
gives it a modern appearance." Sir A. W. Franks
"may be medieval, not Roman", A. J. Evans
"Uncertain. Should say, Roman". Canon Greenwell
"Possibly Roman, after introduction of Christianity
The top of a banner pole for religious ceremony" A. J. Wright