

COLONIZATION AND CONQUEST:
THE 1980 ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS AT
FORT TOULOUSE AND FORT JACKSON,
ALABAMA

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button is similar to the better made, solid, cast French domed buttons with drilled shanks reported from several Alabama sites, including Port Dauphin,⁶⁰ Fort Conde,⁶¹ Fort Toulouse,⁶² 1MB156,⁶³ 1MT175,⁶⁴ 1DS53, 1MC1, and 1EE191. Both of these domed types were probably coat buttons, perhaps used on military uniforms. This type of button is quite distinctive and represents definite French association.

The other French style recovered during the present investigations is a two-piece brass button, with a solid cast back and shank, and a separate domed crown, or perhaps some form of insert. The two specimens in the collection are similar and were represented by only the backs and attached shanks. Their overall diameters are 12 and 13 mm, and the drilled eye holes in the shanks are 2 and 3 mm in diameter, respectively. This button type is similar to Stone's⁶⁵ Class II, Series C, Type 1, Variety a, of which similar examples⁶⁶ have been previously reported from Fort Toulouse. The size of this button suggests usage as a vest or cuff attachment.

Brass Tacks. One complete tack (24.0 mm long) and one distal fragment were found. The shafts of both are square in cross section, 3-4 mm wide. Presumably these artifacts were used in shoes.

B. Adornment

Beads. A total of 66 beads could be attributed to the French

or succeeding Tuskegee occupations, based on their archaeological context (most came from the French-Indian midden fill of the Fort Jackson communication) or by comparison with beads found at other sites. The beads are organized according to a classification devised by Kenneth and Martha Ann Kidd,⁶⁷ with cross references whenever possible to other classification schemes (Table 22).⁶⁸

Bell. A single "flushloop" brass bell measures 15.2 mm in diameter. The loop attached to the upper hemisphere is a broad wire, 1.9 mm wide and 0.6 mm thick. The bell itself is made of 0.4 mm thick sheet metal. In the lower hemisphere are two holes connected by a slit. Judging from their distribution, Ian Brown has hypothesized⁶⁹ that this sort of bell was distributed mainly by the French.

Bracelets or Anklets. Four brass wires are interpreted as bracelets or anklets. Two have an end bent into a loop which could have served as a fastener, and one wire still held four glass beads⁷⁰ (Kidd's Types IIA12, IIA24, IIA52, WIC1). The wire measures 0.7 mm, 1.1 mm, 1.2 mm, and 1.5 mm in diameter.

Brooch. A silver alloy ring has a notch along one side, which suggests that this ornament may once have had an attached movable⁷¹ tongue and served as a hair or clothes brooch. The ring is now bent and broken at the notch, but originally had a diameter of about

Table 22. Glass Beads from Fort Toulouse

| <u>Method of Manufacture</u> | <u>Type (Kidd and Kidd 1970)</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Comparative Type Designations*</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|---------------|---|
| Drawn | I a 2 | Tubular; translucent dark burgundy (looks black) length: 4.0-8.0 mm, diameter: 2.6-3.6 mm, bore diameter: 0.6-1.5 mm, ends sharp, not tumbled. | 5 | B - #121 D - CI,SA,T5,Ve necklace bead |
| | I a 2 | Same as above, but length: 2.7 mm, diameter: 2.7 mm, bore diameter: 0.6 mm, ends rounded by tumbling. | 1 | B - #121 |
| | I a 5 | Tubular; translucent, white; length: 5.0-6.5 mm, diameter: 3.1-3.7 mm, bore diameter: 1.0-1.1 mm, ends sharp, not tumbled. | 5 | B - #119 |
| | I a 5 | Same as above, but length: 11.1-11.4 mm, diameter: 3.3-3.4 mm, bore diameter: 0.7-0.9 mm. | 2 | B - #119 D - CI,SB,T2,Vb necklace bead |
| | I a 12 | Tubular; translucent turquoise; length: 4.0-5.0 mm, diameter: 3.0-3.1, bore diameter: 0.9-1.2; ends rounded by tumbling. | 2 | |
| | I a 17 | Tubular; translucent dark blue; length: 9.6-10.4 mm, diameter: 3.6-3.8 mm, bore diameter: 1.5-1.7 mm; ends sharp, not tumbled. | 2 | D - CI,SA,T5,Vf necklace bead |

Table 22. (Continued)

| Method of Manufacture | Type (Kidd and Kidd 1970) | Description | Number | Comparative Type Designations* |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------|---|
| Drawn (cont.) | II a 6 | Round, irregular; translucent dk. burgundy (looks black); length: 5.4 mm, diameter: 6.9 mm, bore diameter: 2.0 mm. | 1 | B - #168 C - #92 D - CI,SA,T3,Vd necklace bead |
| | II a 7 | Round; opaque black; length: 3.8 mm, diameter: 4.2 mm, bore diameter: 1.3 mm. | 1 | B - #169 |
| | II a 11 | Circular (ring); opaque white; length: 2.4-2.9 mm, diameter: 2.9-3.2 mm, bore diameter: 0.8 mm. | 3 | B - #107a D - CI,SA,T1,Vy seed bead |
| | II a 12 | Circular; opaque white; length: 1.6-1.8 mm, diameter: 2.2-2.5 mm, bore diameter: 0.7 mm. | 3 | |
| | II a 12 | Same as above, but length: 4.0-5.8 mm, diameter: 5.8 mm, bore diameter: 1.7-2.1 mm. | 2 | B - #107 D - CI,SB,T1,Va seed bead |
| | II a 24 | Circular; opaque green; length: 3.4-4.2 mm, diameter: 4.1-4.8 mm, bore diameter: 1.1-1.7 mm. | 4 | B - #33 D - CI,SA,T1,Vq seed bead |
| | II a 26 | Circular; opaque green; length: 1.5-2.2 mm, diameter: 2.2-2.3 mm, bore diameter: 0.6-0.7 mm. | 3 | D - CI,SA,T1,Vi seed bead |

Table 22. (Continued)

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|--------------------------------------|--|---|---------------|---|
| Drawn (cont.) | II a 27 | Circular; opaque green; length: 1.5 mm, diameter: 3.1 mm, bore diameter: 1.7 mm. | 1 | D - CI,SA,T1,Vp seed bead |
| | II a 36 | Circular; translucent blue green; length: 2.5 mm, diameter: 3.9 mm, bore diameter: 1.0 mm. | 1 | B - #92a D - CI,SA,T1,Vo seed bead |
| | II a 58 | Circular; translucent cherry rose; length: 4.0 mm, diameter: 3.6 mm, bore diameter: 2.1 mm. | 1 | D - CI,SA,T1,Vu seed bead |
| | II b 14 (variation) | Barrel; opaque black with 5 double red and white stripes; length: 8.6 mm, diameter: 8.7 mm, bore diameter: 2.4 mm. | 1 | |
| | II b 70 | Barrel; translucent blue with 24 narrow white stripes; length: 9.3 mm, diameter: 9.0 mm, bore diameter: 2.0 mm. | 1 | B - #147 |
| | IV a 6 | Circular; opaque red outer ring, translucent green (looks black) inner ring; length: 3.6 mm, diameter: 7.9 mm, bore diameter: 1.7 mm. | 1 | B - #127 Cornaline D'Aleppo |

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|--------------------------------------|--|---|---------------|--|
| Mandrel Wound | WI c 1 | Oval; opaque white; length: 6.2-8.0 mm, diameter: 3.6-5.2 mm, bore diameter: 1.4-1.9 mm. | 10 | A - Childersburg White Oval B - #39 D - CII,SA,T1,Vc seed bead |
| | WI c 2 | Oval; translucent opal; length: 18.5 mm, diameter: -, bore diameter: -. | 1 | B - #53 C - #100 D - CII,SA,T6,Vb necklace bead |
| | WI c 4 | Oval; opaque yellow; length: 8.- mm, diameter: 6.3 mm, bore diameter: 1.7 mm. | 1 | D - CII,SA,T1,Vf seed bead |
| | WI c 11 | Oval; translucent dark blue; length: 9.2-15.2 mm, diameter: 6.7-9.6 mm, bore diameter: 2.0-2.7 mm. | 7 | B - #56 |
| | WI c (variation) | Oval; opaque white; length: 13.5 mm, diameter: 7.3 mm, bore diameter: 2.0 mm. | 1 | D - CI,SA,T2,Va necklace bead |
| | WI c (variation) | Oval; translucent dark burgundy (looks black); length: 6.7-9.7 mm, diameter: 4.2-4.7 mm, bore diameter: 1.5-2.0 mm. | 2 | A - Childersburg Black Oval B - #38 D - CII,SA,T1,Vi seed bead |

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|--------------------------------------|--|--|---------------|---|
| Mandrel Wound (cont.) | WII c 5 | Round, with 10 5-sided facets; transparent amber; length: 9.6 mm, diameter: 10.4 mm, bore diameter: 3.2 mm. | 1 | B - #8 D - CII,SA,T1,Vf necklace bead |
| | WII c 12 | Round with 9 and 10 5-sided facets; translucent blue; length: 12.4-14.0 mm, diameter: 14.4-15.0 mm, bore diameter: 4.2-4.3 mm. | 3 | B - #7 C - #103 D - CII,SA,T1,Va necklace bead |

*A - DeJarnette and Hanson 1960,
 B - Good 1972: 92-129,
 C - Pratt 1961,
 D - Stone 1974: 8-144.