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This article discusses the type sites and typical traits found on various ceramic wares found throughout Virginia's Coastal Plain. Middle Woodland period Popes Creek ware (500 B.C.- A.D. 200) (p. 99) and Mockley ware (A.D. 200 - 900) (pp.103-104) are described. The defining characteristics of Popes Creek are sand-tempered and net-impressed, with a thick body (6 to 18mm). Decoration is rarely seen on this ware. Mockley is tempered with unburned, crushed shell, and represents part of the 1,500 year Chichahominy Series shell-tempering tradition. Both Popes Creek and Mockley vessels are always coil-constructed, and Mockley exterior surfaces are often cord-marked or net-impressed (cord-marking decreasing and net-impression increasing over time). A small percentage are decorated on the exterior around the rim.

The authors go on to describe Townsend ware, which is generally considered to be a Late Woodland continuation of Mockley. In contrast to Mockley, Townsend (also called "Rappahannock") is thinner bodied and always has fabric-impressed exterior surfaces.