Balta Sărată cultural group ceramics. Ceramic artifacts decoration and shapes typology

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Sărată The pottery discovered in the Balta Sărată cultural group settlements play an essential part in comparison with the metal and bone artifacts. The necessary chronological framings, which led to the identificatior of this cultural group were based upon ceramics. This, it is a certain fact that "...some features of the prevous cultures, i.e. Baden, Coţofeni, and especially Vitina were kept" by the Balta cultural group ceramics.

The Balta Sărată pottery detaches itself from the common horzon that includes the incised pattern made with a little broom ("Besenstrich") and stamped, texture-like atterns, having a parallel development with the other Bronze Age cultures in the area. The common decrative techniques led to similar petterns or even identica ones (e.g. "wolf teeth", hatched triangles, stamped circles surrounded by stamped points or smaller circles). Similar vessel shapes and the past they were made of are also known within the areas of the neighbouring and partly contemporaneous cultures "Mures, Otonani, Wietenberg, Vatina, Gîrla Mare and Verbicioara, but on the whole they do differ from these".

BAL'A SĂRATĂ CULTURAL GROUP CEAMICS DECORATION (PL. I)

1. Incisecdecorations (scratches) 4

- a) Patterns made with a little broom ("Besenstric!"), which appear in a wide, Early Bronze Age cultural horizon. Globular pots of sack and jar type, decorred this way, were found at Valea Timisului, Vsag and Silagiu. This pattern, besides its aesthetic fuction, has also a heat-maintaining function.
- b) X-like (I) or cross-like incisions, succesive stitches forming a channel ("Stichkanaltechnik") (III) and hooked-coss-like (swastica) incisions (IV). These patterns appear on the bottom of the tureens and dishes found at Bah Sărată⁷, Valea Timişului⁸, Iaz⁹, Sacu ¹⁰,

Ictar-Budinți¹¹, Var¹², Susani¹³, Jabăr¹⁴, and are specific for the 1st and 2nd phases of the Balta Sărată cultural group but also for the neighbouring cultures (i.e. Wietenberg, Otomani and Vatina).

- c) Incisions organized in garland, arcade and zigzag patterns pots, dishes and tureens decorated in this way were found at Valea Timişului¹⁵, Balta Sărată¹⁶, Iaz¹⁷, Var¹⁸, Ciuta¹⁹, Sacu²⁰ and Românești²¹. The patterns are specific fot the 1st-3rd phases of the Balta Sărată cultural group.
- d) Fine incisions (scratches) often appear on pots, dishes and tureens, more frequently in the earlier phases.
- e) Wide, vertical incisions with rounded ends. The pattern is characteristic of middle and late phases, being recorded at Var²², Păltiniș²³, Sacu²⁴, Românești²⁵. Susani²⁶, Valea Timișului²⁷, Balta Sărată²⁸, Iaz²⁹. It appears on pots and cups and suggests the later grooves.
- f) Incisions made with a hairbrush ("Kammstrichverzierung"). The pattern appears frequently in the earlier phases on pots. It is recorded at Valea Timişului³⁰, Iaz³¹, Visag, Silagiu³².
- g) Hatchings (incisions in a net-like pattern). This pattern is specific for the early and middle phases, as a Vatina culture feature (i.e. an import). It appears on vessels found in the settlements from Valea Timişului³³, Iaz³⁴, Buchin³⁵, Sacu³⁶.

2. Stamped decorations

- a) Texture-like decorations ("Textilmuster"). This pattern is recorded at Tószeg, in the Early Bronze Age, being characteristic of the ending period of the Nagyrev culture and of the beginning of the Hatvan culture¹⁷. It appears in the settlements of Valea Timişului³⁸, Iaz³⁹.
- b) Succesive stitches forming a channel. ("Stichkanaltechnik"). The pattern is also recorde on the Balta Sărată cultural group ceramics, but not inlaid with a white substance, as in the Wietenberg and Monteoru (phase Ic₃₋₄) cultures⁴⁰. Vessels decorated in

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this way were found at Valea Timişului⁴¹, Iaz⁴², Balta Sărată⁴³, Ciuta⁴⁴, Ictar-Budinți⁴⁵.

- c) Stamped circles surrounded by stamped points or smaller circles. This pattern is recorded in the neighbouring Vatina and Wietenberg cultures, 2nd and 3rd phases⁴⁶. It appears in the Balta Sărată cultural group middle and late phases at Valea Timișului⁴⁷, Balta Sărată⁴⁸, Iaz⁴⁹, Var⁵⁰, Ciuta⁵¹, Jabăr⁵², Buchin⁵³, Sacu⁵⁴, Susani⁵⁵, Românești⁵⁶.
- d) "Wolf teeth". This pattern is also recorded on the Wietenberg culture (2nd and 3rd phases) ceramics⁵⁷. It appears in the Balta Sărată cultural group settlements from Valea Timișului⁵⁸, Iaz⁵⁹, Balta Sărată⁶⁰, Sacu⁶¹.
- e) "Cord" decoration. The pattern is recorded in the early ("pre") phase, in the settlement from Silagiu⁶² and has analogies in the Schneckenberg B culture.
- 3. Decoration in relief. The notched (IIIb) and alveolate (IIIc) belts generally appear on the common pottery (pots, tureens, dishes). The conical prominences and the knobs (IIIa) appear in the middle phase and are placed on cups, bowls, jugs and carinated vessels. In the late phase, these prominences resemble those from the Early Iron Age (Hasllstatt) (e.g. Susani⁶³ and Românești⁶⁴, pointing downward or upward, surrounded by grooves.
- 4. Perforations appear both in colanders (Valea Timişului⁶⁵, Sacu⁶⁶, Ciuta⁶⁷, Silagiu⁶⁸, Var⁶⁹ and hemispherical lids (Iaz⁷⁰) or flat lids (Sacu⁷¹). Such perforations also appear in a jug from Româneşti⁷², piercing the conical prominences on the middle part of the body.

THE TYPOLOGY OF THE BALTA SÅRATÅ CULTURAL GROUP VESSEL SHAPES AND CERAMIC ARTIFACTS (Pl. II)

1. Pots

- a) Globular pots with short neck and straight rim. On the lower part of the body and occasionally on the whole body there are "Besenstrich"-like or bark-like (rough and deep scratches) decorations. This type of vessel is recorded in the early phase, at Valea Timişului⁷³, Iaz⁷⁴, Visag⁷⁵, Silagiu⁷⁶.
- b) Pots of sack type. The presence of this ceramic category is recorded in all the Balta Sărată cultural group settlements. They are sometimes decorated with notched and alveolate belts (occasionally even on the rim), with patterns made with a little broom and conical or flat handles. Such vessels were found at Valea

- Timişului⁷⁷, Iaz⁷⁸, Balta Sărată⁷⁹, Sacu⁸⁰, Ciuta⁸¹, Var⁸², Românești⁸³, Visag⁸⁴.
- c) Pots of jar type. These pots are decorated with notched and alveolate belts and are frequently found in the settlements of this cultural group: Valea Timişului⁸⁵, Iaz⁸⁶, Balta Sărată⁸⁷, Silagiu⁸⁸, Sacu⁸⁹, Var⁹⁰, Românești⁹¹.
- d) Pots with two handles under the rim. Such vessels were found at Valea Timişului⁹², Iaz⁹³, Visag⁹⁴, Balta Sărată⁹⁵, Românești⁹⁶. A variant or this type is the pot with four handles under the rim and a line of stamped little circles, like the one found at Valea Timişului⁹⁷.

All these type of pots belong to the common and semi-fine pottery.

2. Carinated vessels

- a) Carinated vessels with bulging body and outward rim, with two handles on the middle part of the body or no handles. Decorated under the rim with horizontal or arcade-like incisions and stamped circles under the rim and on the middle part of the body. Such vessels were found at Valea Timişului⁹⁸, Sacu⁹⁹, Var¹⁰⁰.
- b) Carinated vessels with shaped body and outward, trumpet-like rim, downward conical prominences, horizontal, oblique and garland-like decorations, suggesting Early Hallstatt urns. Such vessels were found at Românești¹⁰¹.

3. Cups

- a) Cups in form of a truncated cone, with wide, over-raised handle, found at Iaz¹⁰², Balta Sărată¹⁰³, Sacu¹⁰⁴.
- b) Cups with bulging body and two over-raised handles, decorated with widide incisions with rounded ends or fine, oblique and horizontal incisions. Such cups were found at Valea Timişului¹⁰⁵, Balta Sărată¹⁰⁶, Sacu¹⁰⁷.
- c) Cups with bulging body and one over-raised handle, decorated with fine, vertical or oblique incisions on the middle part of the body. They were found at Valea Timisului¹⁰⁸, Iaz¹⁰⁹, Balta Sărată¹¹⁰, Sacu¹¹¹, Ictar-Budinti¹¹².

4. Jugs

- a) Jugs with a strong shaped body and two overraised handles, decorated with fine grooves above the prominence and with vertical round ended incisions on the middle part of the body. Such jugs were found at Românești¹¹³, Susani¹¹⁴.
 - b) Jugs with bulging body and one wide, over-raised

handle, having fine incisions on the middle part of the body. They were found at Iaz¹¹⁵ and Românești¹¹⁶.

5. Bows

Ceramic vessels of this type were found in most of the Balta Sărată cultural group settlements. Some of them are decirated with fine oblique incisions on the middle par. of the body. Bowls were found at Valea Timişului¹¹⁷, Iaz¹¹⁸, Balta Sărată¹¹⁹, Ictar-Budinți¹²⁰, Var¹²¹, Sacu¹², Românești¹²³.

6. Tureen:

- a) Tureens with shaped body and rounded rim. Some of them have ring shaped bottom or an over-raised handle. This ype is decorated with oblique or vertical incisions. Such tureens were found at Sacu¹²⁴, Româneşt¹²⁵, Susani¹²⁶.
- b) Tureen with lobed rim, little handles and conical prominences on the body, decorated with vertical, oblique or acade-like incisions. they were found at Valea Timicului¹²⁷, Balta Sărată¹²⁸, Susani¹²⁹, Românești¹¹⁰.
- c) Tureen with bulging body and ourward rim, decorated unler the rim with vertical, oblique or arcade-like incisions, like those from Valea Timişului¹³¹, lalta Sărată¹³², Sacu¹³³, Românești¹³⁴.

7. Dishes

- a) Dishes with rounded rim and prominent upper part of the bdy. Decorated with arcade-like incisions under the rin, vertical and oblique incisions and succesive stitues on the middle part of the body. Such dishes were fund at Valea Timişului¹³⁵, Iaz¹³⁶, Balta Sărată¹³⁷, lbăr¹³⁸, Sacu¹³⁹, Var¹⁴⁰, Ciuta¹⁴¹, Românești¹⁴².
- b) Dishes with lobed rim, decorated with arcadelike, vertical c oblique incisions and succesive stitches, found at Vala Timişului¹⁴³, Iaz¹⁴⁴, Balta Sărată¹⁴⁵, Susani¹⁴⁶, Sac.¹⁴⁷.
- c) Dishes with perforated handles and conical prominences in the middle part of the body, with arcade-like, olique or vertical incisions and stamped points. Such ishes were found at Valea Timişului¹⁴⁸, Iaz¹⁴⁹, Balta Srată¹⁵⁰, Sacu¹⁵¹, Ciuta¹⁵².
- d) A dish 1 form of a truncated form and four little feet on the boom was found at Iaz¹⁵³.

Some of these types of tureens and dishes have ring shaped botton and are decorated with X-like or cross-like incisions or succesive stitches forming a channel ("Stichkanaltchnik").

8. Anthropomorphic statuettes¹⁵⁴

These are decorated on both sides with stamped little circles (8a) or with three stamped circles (8b), like those from Sacu. Fragments of anthropomorphic statuettes, decorated with incisions and stamped little circles (8c), with cylindrical lower part, decorated with incisions and stamped circles on both sides (8d) were found at Ciuta. It might seem surprising, but analogies, both in form and decoration, are to be found within the areas of Otomani (Füzesabony) and Verbicioara cultures¹⁵⁵. At Valea Timişului, in Dwelling 1 (2nd level), two fragments of anthropomorphic statuettes were found: one of Gîrla Mare type and one similar to those from Sacu and Ciuta¹⁵⁶.

9. Lids

- a) A hemispherical lid with vertical perforated border was found at Iaz. The type is known within the area of Vatina culture¹⁵⁷.
- b) A flat lid with notched edge, flat handle and six perforations was found at Sacu¹⁵⁸.

10. Perforated vessels (Colanders)

- a) Colanders with slightly outward, rounded rim, like those from Valea timişului¹⁵⁹, Iaz¹⁶⁰, Sacu¹⁶¹, Ciuta¹⁶², Silagiu¹⁶³.
- b) A colander with bulging body, rounded rim and a spout was found at Var. The type is also known in the transition period to the Bronze Age¹⁶⁴.

11. Little clay discs from the spindles.

A few were found at Valea Timişului¹⁶⁵, Balta Sărată¹⁶⁶.

12. Chariot little wheels

We can not specify wheter they come from cult chariots or wheter they were used for games.

- a) With a straight profile, like that from Valea Timisului¹⁶⁷.
 - b) With a "hub", like that from Sacu¹⁶⁸.
 - 13. Clay pyramid, used as a support near the hearth ("Feuerpyramide").

A fragment was found at Var¹⁶⁹.

14. Arrow polisher ("Pfeilglätter"). 170

One sample was found at Sacu¹⁷¹.

The evolution of the Balta Sărată cultural group ceramics in this zone¹⁷² points to a process of regionalization (individualization) and then sedimentation, with the contribution (influence) of the neighbouring cultures. This contribution consists in early Verbicioara (phase I) features (at Visag), Vatina decoration elements (at Sacu and Valea Timișului) and types of ceramic vessels. To the same effect, must be mentioned the Vatina settlements from Ciuta - "Comu Dealului", Caransebeş - Balta Sărată and Jupa -Deal¹⁷³, which ceased their existence in the Br B₂ phase. This fact points to the conclusion that, between the "pre" phase and the 1st phase of the Balta Sărată culutral group, the bearers of the Vatina culture and those of the Balta Sărată cultural group coexisted. Future archaeological researches will make things clear. Besides these two cultures, the connections with the Gîrla Mare culture have to be mentioned (the statuette fragment from Valea Timișului) and also the striking analogies of the anthropomorphic statuettes from sacu and Ciuta with those belonging to Otomani culture. The connections between Wietenberg culture and Balta Sărată cultural group have been emphasized by I. Andritoiu¹⁷⁴ and they were of long standing.

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