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ART CERAMICS FROM IZNIK FOUND IN THE OTTOMAN FORTRESS AZAK

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From the end of the XV century to the beginning of the XVIII century modern town Azov (the South of Russia) was an Ottoman fortress named Azak. Azak settlers used widely in their everyday life ceramic dishes brought here from different places of Ottoman Porta. The most valuable was semi-faience ceramics painted by hands with different colors made in the potteries of Iznik. During the excavations holding here from the 60-s of XX century archeologists find a lot of remains of this ceramics. The authoress was the chief of one archeological expedition excavating the territory of Azak. Some amount of Iznik ceramics was discovered during this expedition. Until now this ceramic is little studied and practically unpublicized. Examples of Iznik ceramics classified and dated will be presented in this report.