

# Stoves and stove tiles of Bauska Castle – some questions and answers



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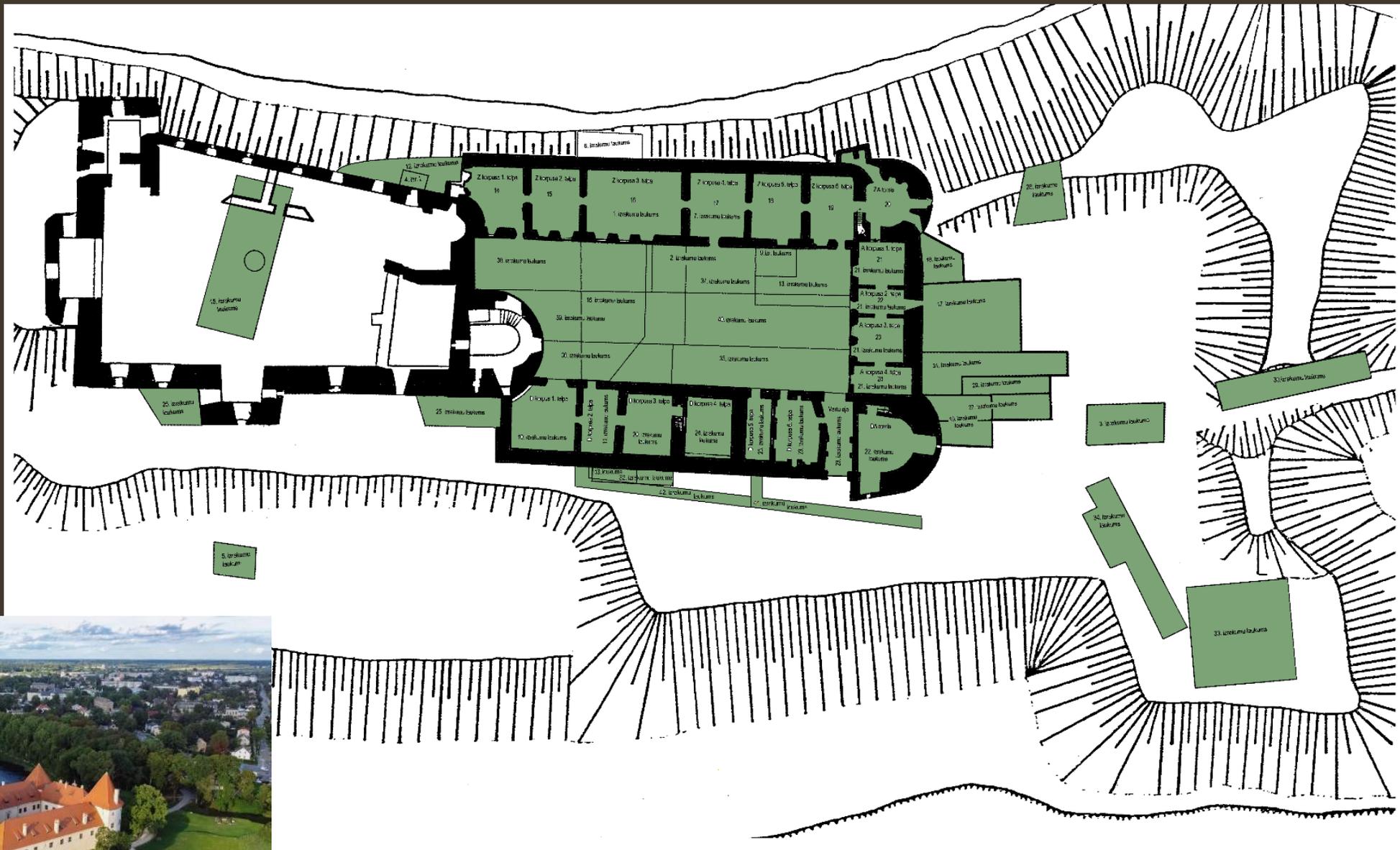


- The Bauska Castle Museum's ceramic collection contains more than 16,000 stove tiles and their fragments.
  - These tiles were produced between the late 15<sup>th</sup> century and the early 18<sup>th</sup> century.
- All the types of tile necessary for constructing a stove are represented, including panel, profile, corner and cornice tiles.
  - More than 280 different types have been identified based on their surface decoration.



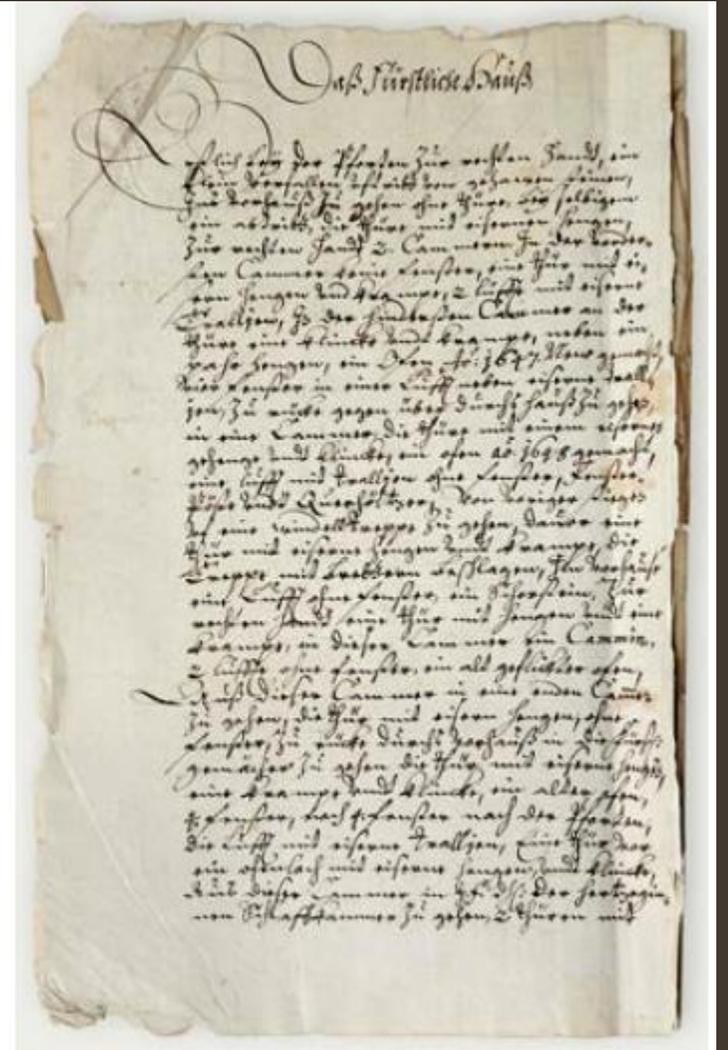
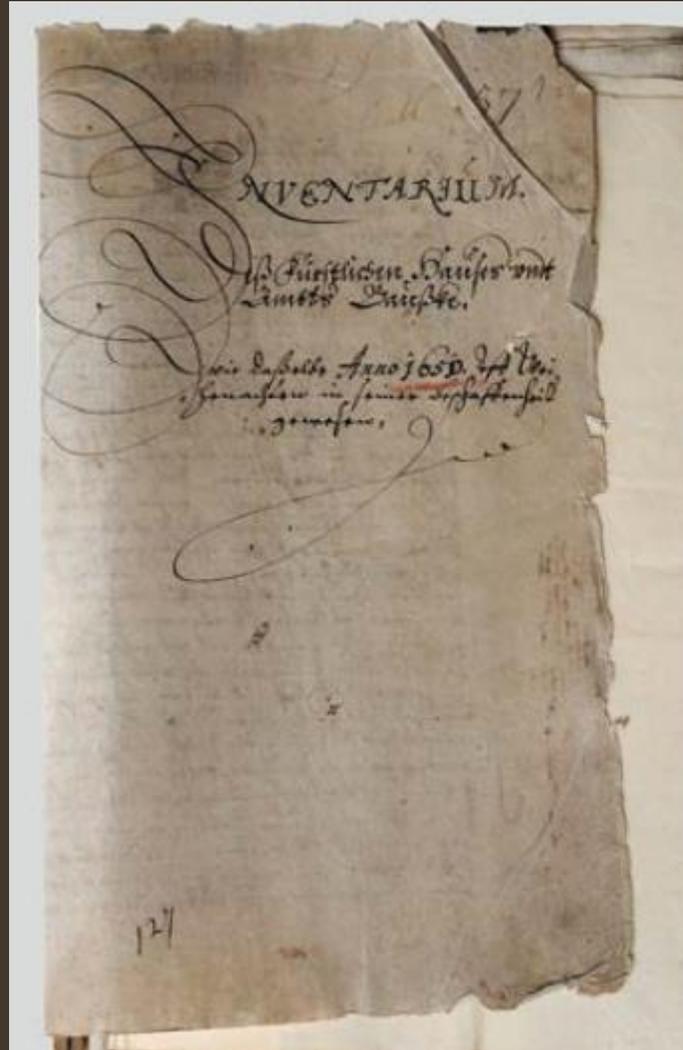
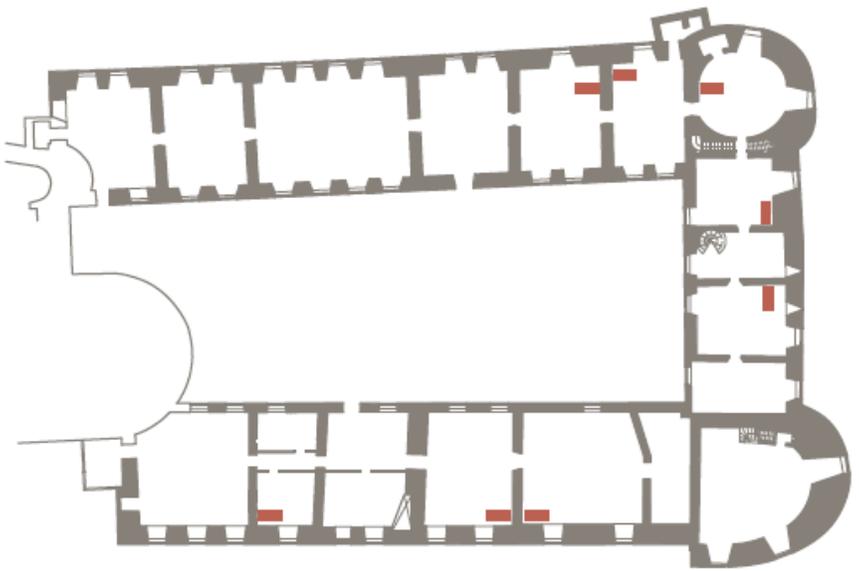
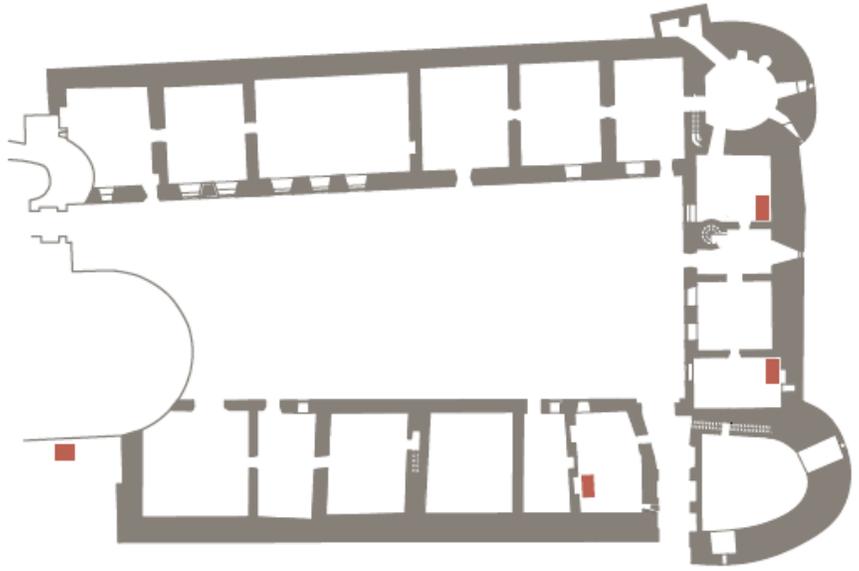


Bauska Castle ruins. Photo, 1930s



Areas of archaeological research at Bauska Castle from 1967 to 2014.

Scheme showing the placement of stoves and fireplaces on the ground and first floors of Bauska New Castle, according to the inventory description from 1650.





The basement of the stove and the tiles are still in their original place – in the Eastern Wing of Bauska Castle.







Tile fragment from the excavations at Bauska Castle



Stove tile with the allegory of the Sun,  
Haapsalu Castle, inv. nr. HM 8850:1



Master HB  
Four stove tiles from series  
Schleswig-Holstein, Heide  
1537



Tile fragment from the excavations at Bauska Castle



A niche stove tile with depiction of St. Jacob. Dresden



A niche stove tile with depiction of St. Martin. Nürnberg



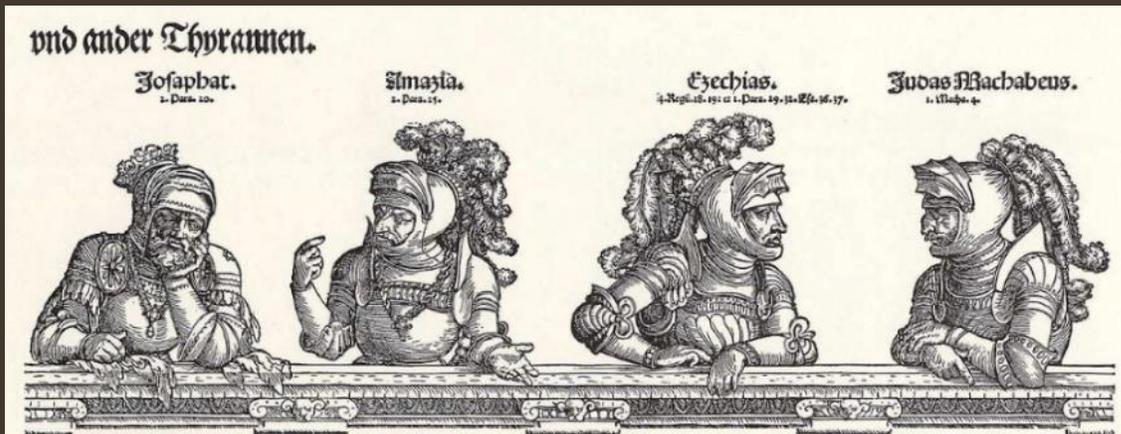
Tile fragment from the excavations at Bauska Castle



Stove tiles from Sv. Georg's monastery in Goslar  
ca. 1510-1513  
Nürnberg, Germanisches Nationalmuseum  
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Stove tiles from Bauska Castle



Georg Pencz (c. 1500–1550)  
 Illustration for Hans Sachs' (1494–1576) poem "12 victorious heroes of the Old Testament", Page 3, ca. 1531  
 Woodcut, 26.7 × 39.2 cm (sheet)  
 Nuremberg, German National Museum (Germanisches Nationalmuseum)



Mould (matrix) with the depiction of Ezekias.  
 Lübeck. St. Annen Museum, inv. nr. 1936-56



Bauska Castle stove tile





Stove tile  
with portrait Johann Friedrich (1503–1540),  
Elector of Saxony  
Bauska Castle Museum

Lübeck. *St. Annen Museum*, inv. nr. 6637e



Turku Museum  
inv. no. TMM18434:1



Lüneburg, DSL  
inv. no. 3916



Göteborg, GSM  
inv. no. NL 1916:2379

Turku Castle, city (Finland). Turku Museum,  
inv. no. TMM18434:1,

Lüneburg (Germany), DSL, inv. no. 3916

Göteborg (Sweden), GSM, inv. no. NL  
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Turaida Castle (Latvia)  
Turaida Muzeum Reserve, inv. nr. TMR 25936



Birzai Castle (Lithuania)  
Biržai Museum «Sela», inv. nr. BKM GEK 16732



Malbork Castle, Poland  
Malbork Castle Museum, inv. nr. MZM/K/79



Bauska Castle stove tile



Workshop of Paul Preuning (?)  
Stove tile  
Ca 1540–1555  
Clay, polychrome glaze, 37.5 × 23 cm  
Nürnberg, Germanisches Nationalmuseum,  
inv. no. A 1205  
© Germanisches Nationalmuseum, photo  
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Bauska Castle stove tile



Giovanni Orlandi (active around 1590–1640)  
after Antonio Tempesta (Tempesta, 1555–1630)

Ninnus  
after 1596  
Private collection





Bauska Castle  
stove tile



Georg Pencz (Pencz, c. 1500–1550)  
Allegory of music  
from the cycle «Seven liberal arts»  
1539–1543  
Amsterdam, Rijksmuseum inv. no. RP-POB-11.067

A fragment of a stove tile with an image of the  
Allegory of Music  
Cottbus, Wünsdorf, Brandenburgisches Landesamt  
für Denkmalpflege, no. 2000-114/240/212





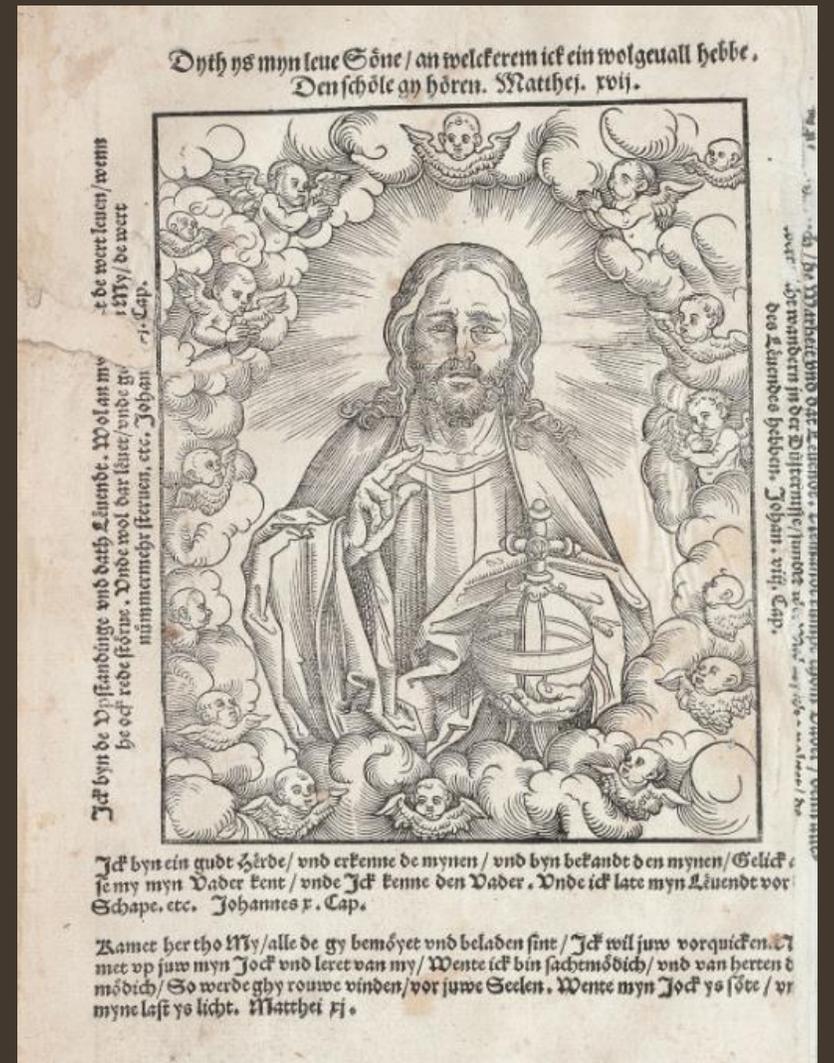
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Tile with the depiction of Salvator Mundi.  
Lüneburg, DSL



Stove tile from excavations in Riga



Cranach der Jüngere, (1515–1586)

Salvator Mundi

In the book: Biblia: dat ys: de gantze hillighe Schrifft / Düdesch /  
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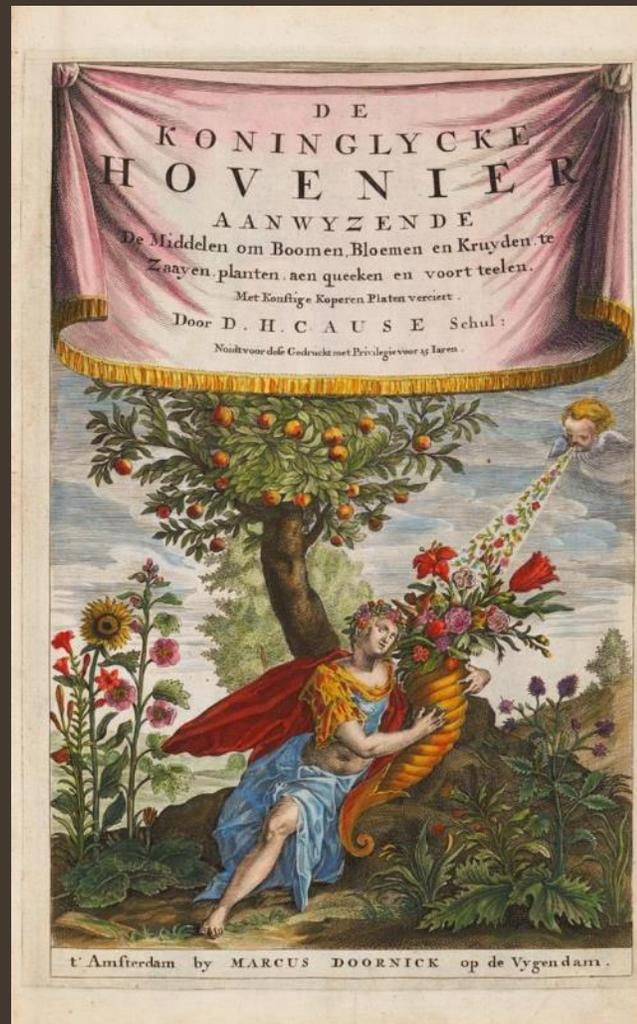


Simon de Passe (ca.1595–1647)

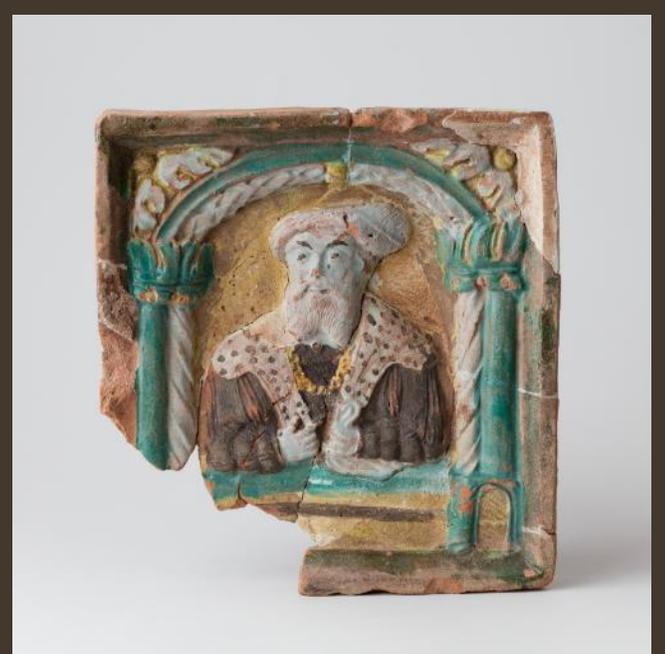
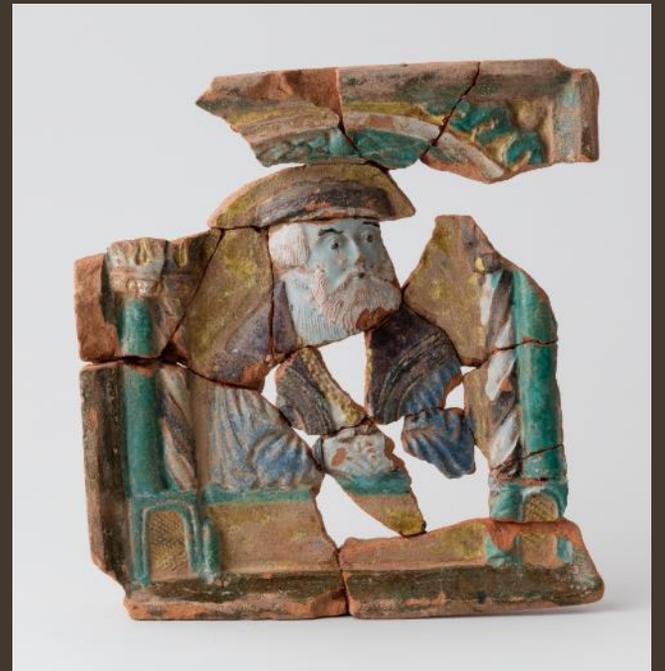
Flora

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Bauska Castle stove tile



Causé, Hendrik. De koninglycke hovenier aanwyzende de middelen om boomen: bloemen en kruiden te zaayen, planten, aen queeken en voort teelen: met konstige koperen platen verciert. t'Amsterdam, Marcus Doornick, 1676



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Georg Stelzner  
The stove in Artushof in Gdańsk (Poland)  
1545–1546



Tile from the stove in Artushof, Gdansk.

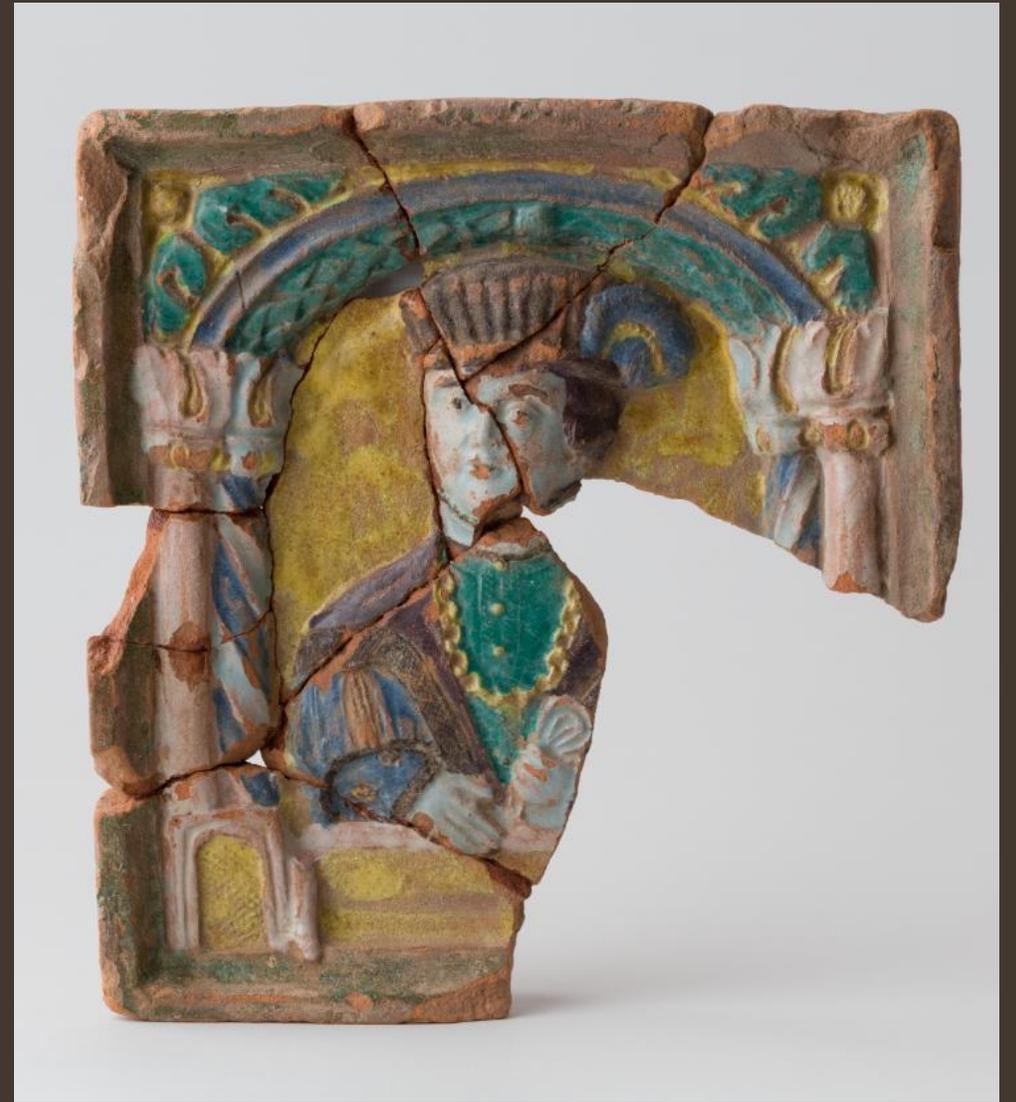


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Lucas Cranach the Younger (1515–1586)  
Johann Friedrich III (1538 – 1565)

Engraving in the book : Abcontrafactur Vnd Bildnis aller Groshertzen Chur vnd Fürstenwelche vom Jare nach Christi Geburt 842. bis auff das jtzige 1563. Jar das Land Sachssen löblich vnd Christlich regieret haben| sampt kurtzer erklerunge jres Lebens aus glaubwürdigen Historien zu=samen getragen vnd in deudsche Reime bracht Durch M. Johannem Agricolam Sprebergensem... Wittenberg: Schnellboltz, Gabriel, **1563**



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Not all riddles have been revealed!



Thank you for your attention!

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