

Texts and Contexts of the Oldest Runic Inscriptions



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6. BEUCHE (Niedersachsen, Germany). In the Braunschweigisches Landesmuseum, Wolfenbüttel. A silver-gilt relief bow-fibula, date mid 6th c. Found in 1955 in a woman's grave in a clay pit. The brooch is of a Scandinavian type, though its provenance may be the Middle-Rhine area. The other grave gifts come from Thuringia and the Lower-Elbe region. According to Düwel (1983:124; 1991:278f. and 1992^b:355) the brooch was inscribed shortly before deposition.

Two rune sequences on the back read: **buirso fuþarzj**



BUIRSO FUDARZJ

On the footplate are some ornamental lines.

buirso = *buriso*, which may be a female PN, n/dsf. *ō*-stem, or a male PN, nsm. *n*-stem *Buriso*.

fuþarzj is a fuþark-quotation. More instances of fuþark-quotations are in chapter six.