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Excerpt

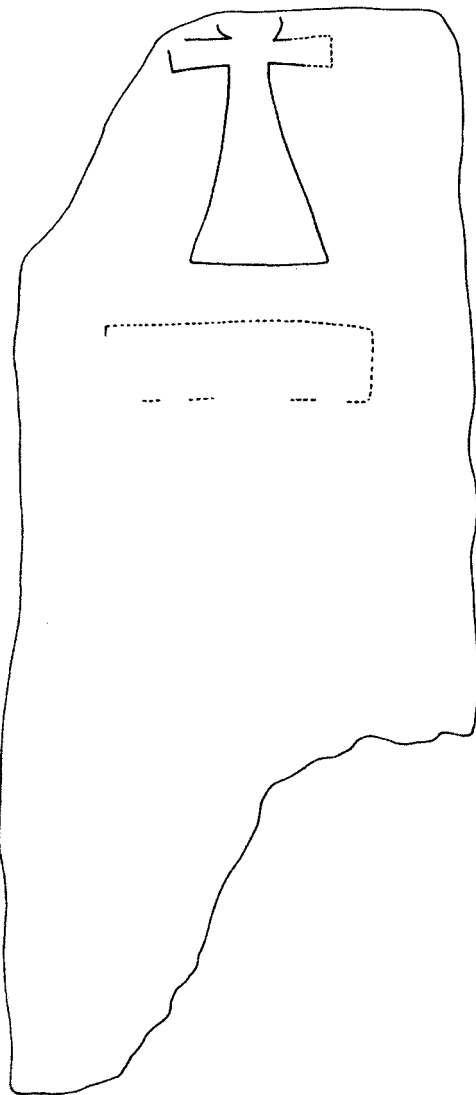
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Hieroglyphic

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1 Stela, originally round-topped

Acc. No. E.257.1900

Date: Dynasty I

Provenance: Abydos, Umm el-Qa'ab, subsidiary grave W34 of the tomb of Djed (Z of Petrie). Presented in 1900 by the Egypt Exploration Fund. Marked W34 on back.

Material: Limestone

Dimensions: H. 40.5 cm. W. 17.3 cm. D. 4.8 cm.

Description: Middle and lower parts extremely weatherworn and pitted, portion of base broken away. Back smoothly dressed.

Text: Traces survive of the end of the right 'bar' of the *ankh* sign, which is in raised relief. The rectangular sign beneath was apparently sunk, but this may be due to the effects of weathering. The presence of another sign below \square is uncertain. The \square is in fact somewhat problematic, and as Kaplony remarks (see below), Petrie's interpretation as $\overline{\square}$ cannot be sustained. Although much weatherworn, the sign was clearly elongated and rectangular, as in my copy. A possible reading of the personal name is therefore $\epsilon n\overline{h}$ -š.

Bibliography: PM V, 83; Petrie, *Royal Tombs of the First Dynasty*, I, pls. XXXI [12], XXXIII [12]; Kaplony, *Die Inschriften der ägyptischen Frühzeit*, I, 180, 456; Kahl, *Das System der ägyptischen Hieroglyphenschrift*, 232 [Quelle 889].

2 Fragment of a stela

Acc. No. E.254.1900

Date: Dynasty I



Provenance: Abydos, Umm el-Qa'ab, subsidiary grave of the tomb of Djet (Z of Petrie). Presented in 1900 by the Egypt Exploration Fund. Marked Z.

Material: Limestone

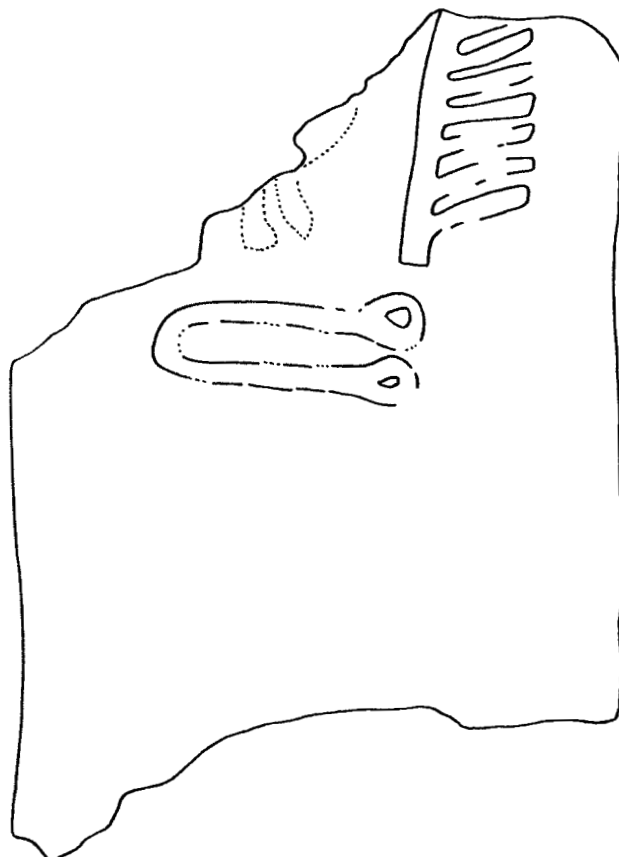
Dimensions: H. 22.8 cm. W. 16.0 cm. D. 3.0 cm.

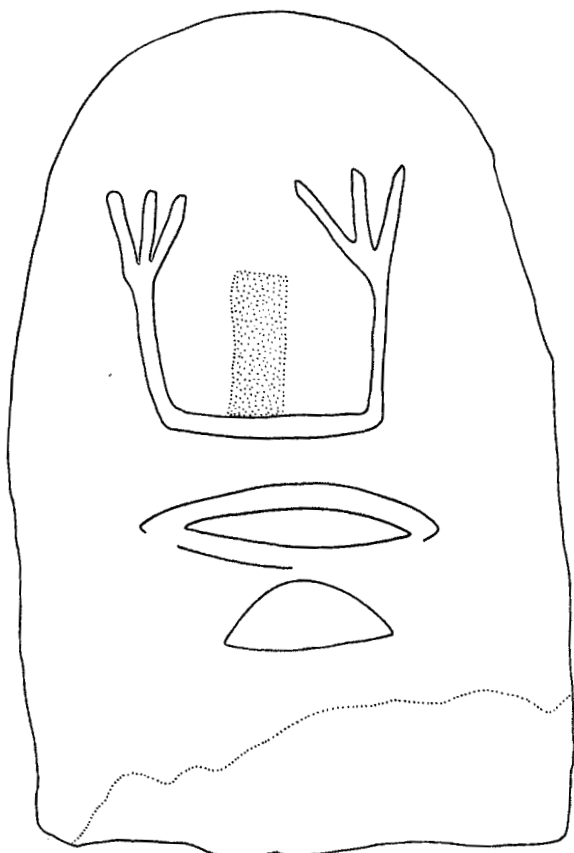
Description: Surface smoothly worked, pebble inclusions.

Edges slightly chamfered or tapered, back dressed.

Text: Bold raised relief. Some deliberate chipped damage to signs is possible. Kaplony (see below) reads the owner's name as Iwṯ (?), which is not improbable although it involves accepting Petrie's interpretation of the second sign as . Kahl 531 (see below) transliterates the name as iwč (?). Only the badly abraded legs of the putative quail chick  survive, though it is possible that the break in the stone above follows the original outline of the bird's breast.

Bibliography: PM V, 83; Petrie, *Royal Tombs of the First Dynasty*, I, pls. XXXI [6], XXXIII [6]; Kaplony, *Die Inschriften der ägyptischen Frühzeit*, I, 179, 415; Kahl, *Das System der ägyptischen Hieroglyphenschrift*, 236 [Quelle 953], 531, 767.





3 Fragment of round-topped stela

Acc. No. E.256.1900

Date: Dynasty I

Provenance: Abydos, Umm el-Qa^aab, subsidiary grave of the tomb of Djet (Z of Petrie). Presented in 1900 by the Egypt Exploration Fund. Marked Z in pencil on upper surface.

Material: Limestone

Dimensions: H. 29.2 cm. W. 19.3 cm. D. 5.0 cm.

Description: Surface slightly convex, rough work. Surface chipped, edges chamfered or tapered, base probably broken off. Some pebble inclusions. Back rough.

Text: The *ka*-sign is incised. The area between the raised arms of the sign is partly chipped (dotted in the drawing), but there is no evidence for another sign here. The interior of the \equiv is in raised relief, the lower part is incompletely carved. The \approx is in raised relief. The bottom of the stela is damaged, but probably no sign was present in that area.

Kaplony (see below) does not read a name on this stela. The three signs present no difficulty however, and there seems every reason to read the personal name, presumably female, as *K3rt*.

Bibliography: PM V, 83; Petrie, *Royal Tombs of the First Dynasty*, I, pls. XXXI [7], XXXIII [7]; Kaplony, *Die Inschriften der ägyptischen Frühzeit*, I, 179; Müller-Karpe, *Handbuch der Vorgeschichte*, II, Tfl. 36 [17]; Kahl, *Das System der ägyptischen Hieroglyphenschrift*, 236 [Quelle 954].

4 Fragment of round-topped stela

Acc. No. E.253.1900



Date: Dynasty I

Provenance: Abydos, Umm el-Qa^cab, tomb of Semerkhet (U of Petrie). Presented in 1900 by the Egypt Exploration Fund.

Material: Limestone

Dimensions: H. 12.3 cm. W. 17.2 cm. D. 3.0 cm

Description: Surface weatherworn. Sides chamfered or tapered, back roughly dressed.

Text: Raised relief. The presence of an intervening sign in the abraded area between the second and third signs is improbable. Kaplony (see below) does not attempt to interpret the personal name. Kahl, 738 reads ḥw.t nm.t (?), identifying the second sign as , cf. Kaplony, II, 1054 (1788). The first two signs are clear however, and give a probable reading Pḥw for the owner's name (cf. PN, I, 115, 13). The traces of the third sign could be the bookroll determinative .

Bibliography: PM V, 85; Petrie, *Royal Tombs of the First Dynasty*, I, pls. XXXI [27], XXXV [27]; Kaplony, *Die Inschriften der ägyptischen Frühzeit*, I, 181; Kahl, *Das System der ägyptischen Hieroglyphenschrift*, 287 [Quelle 1680], 738.

