

DEIR EL-BAHARI

46. Falcon-headed lid of canopic jar

Deir el-Bahari. Temple of Hatshepsut

Upper Terrace. Chapel of Hatshepsut

Shaft tomb VIII (S.7A/82), burial chamber

Late Twenty-third or early Twenty-fifth Dynasty

H. 12 cm, Diam. 9.5 cm (head), 5.5 cm (tang)

White limestone

Deir el-Bahari, storeroom, Field Inv. No. 256

This lid of a canopic jar was made to look like a falcon's head, thus representing Qebehseuef. Jars with lids of this type usually held the intestines. Other fragments of canopic jars were discovered in tomb S.7C/82 located in the same chapel. The fine craftsmanship of the lid points to the high status of the person it was intended for. It has been assigned putatively to the assemblage of grave goods belonging to the Vizier Padiamonet.

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