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CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE CROCUS AND ANCIENT MEDICINE:

WAS THE ENTHRONED GODDESS FROM THERA ASSOCIATED WITH HEALING?



Susan C. Ferrence,

Director of Publications at INSTAP
Academic Press and Consulting Scholar at
the Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology
and Anthropology, will discuss her
reinterpretation of the meaning of a Bronze
Age (c. 3000-1100 BCE) Aegean wall
painting in the building of Xeste 3 at
Akrotiri, Thera, based on an examination of
the iconography and how it pertains to the
healing qualities of saffron.

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Abydos



Settlement Site?

North
Cemetery

Middle
Cemetery

Umm el-Qaab

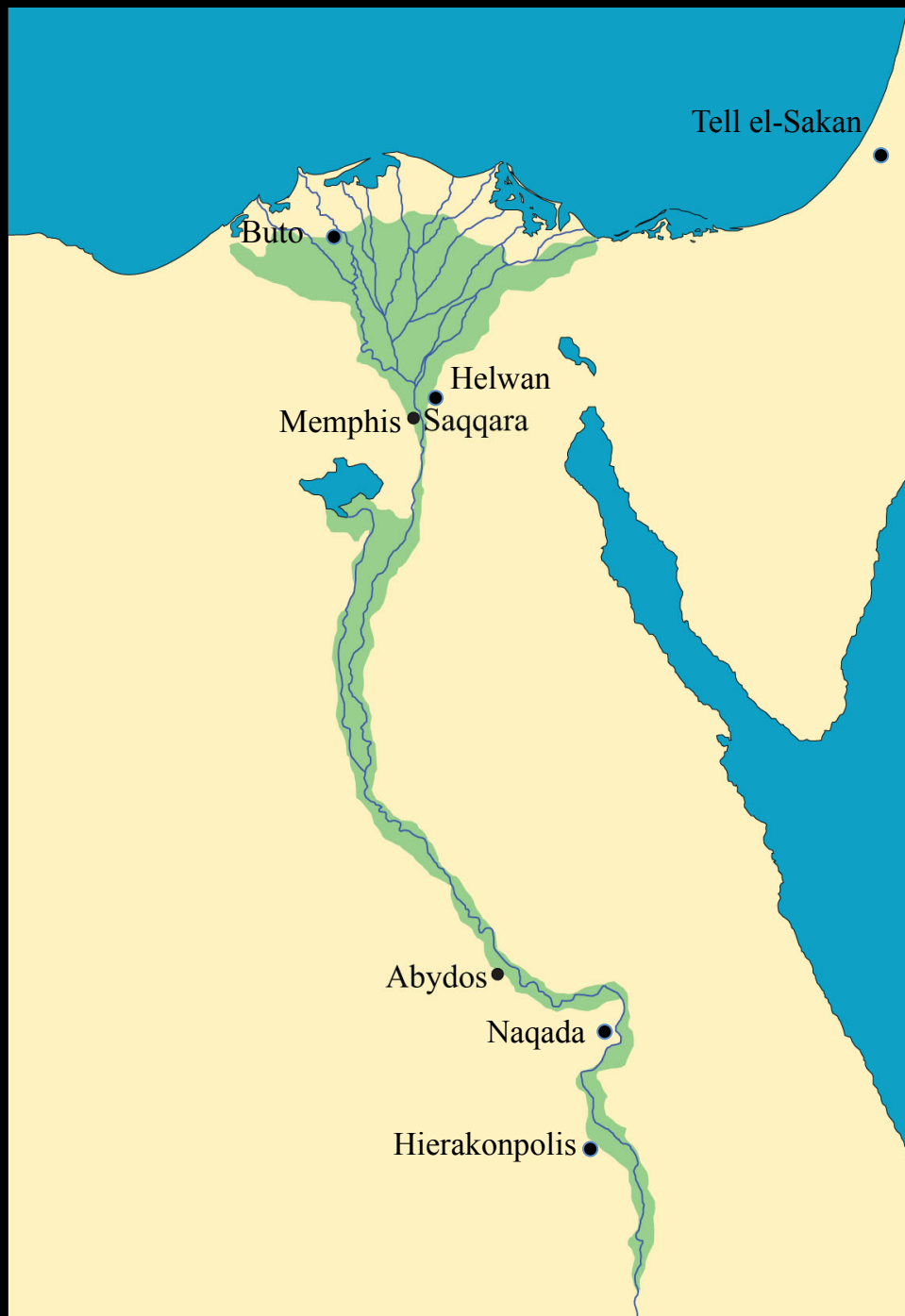
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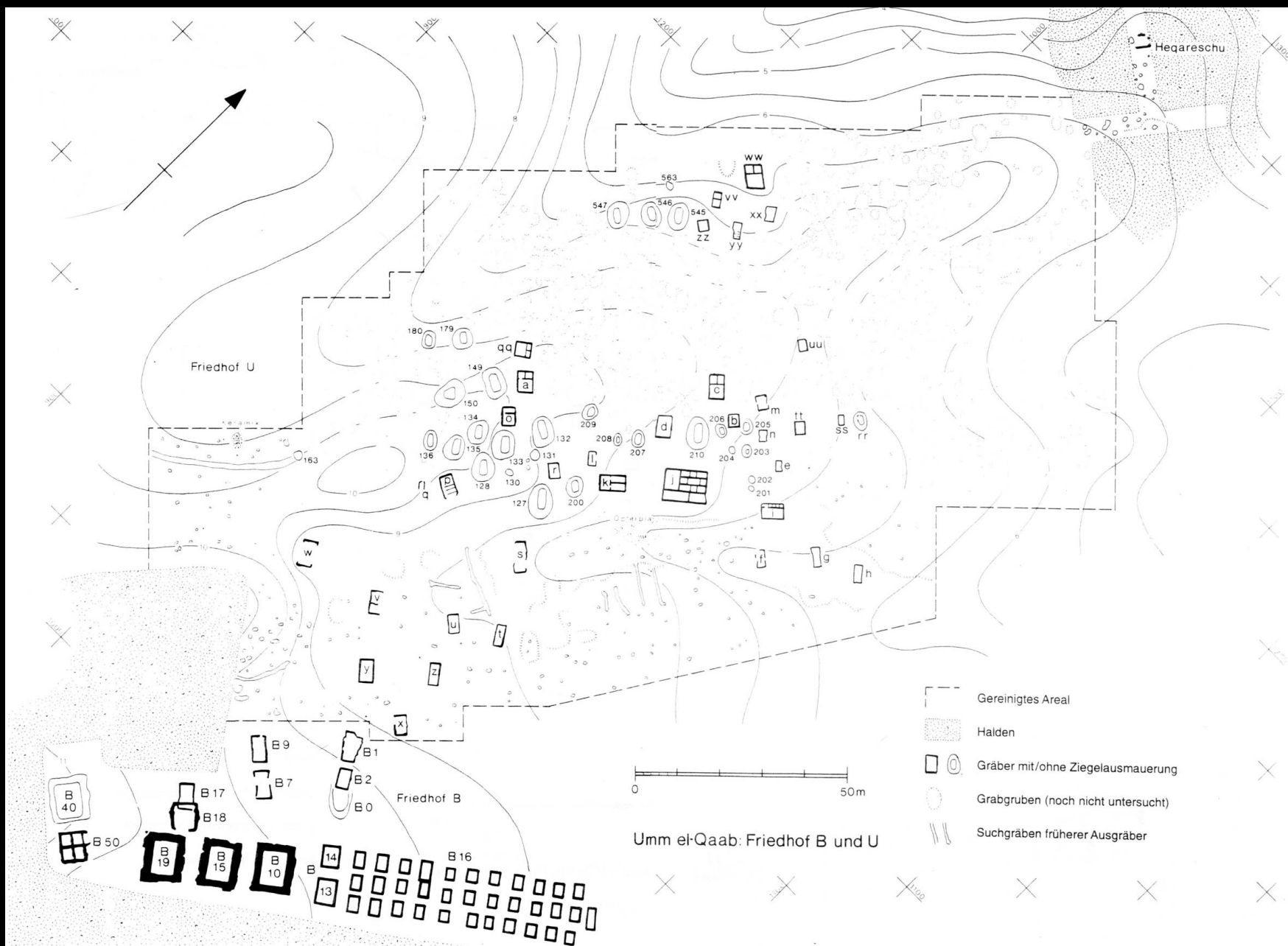
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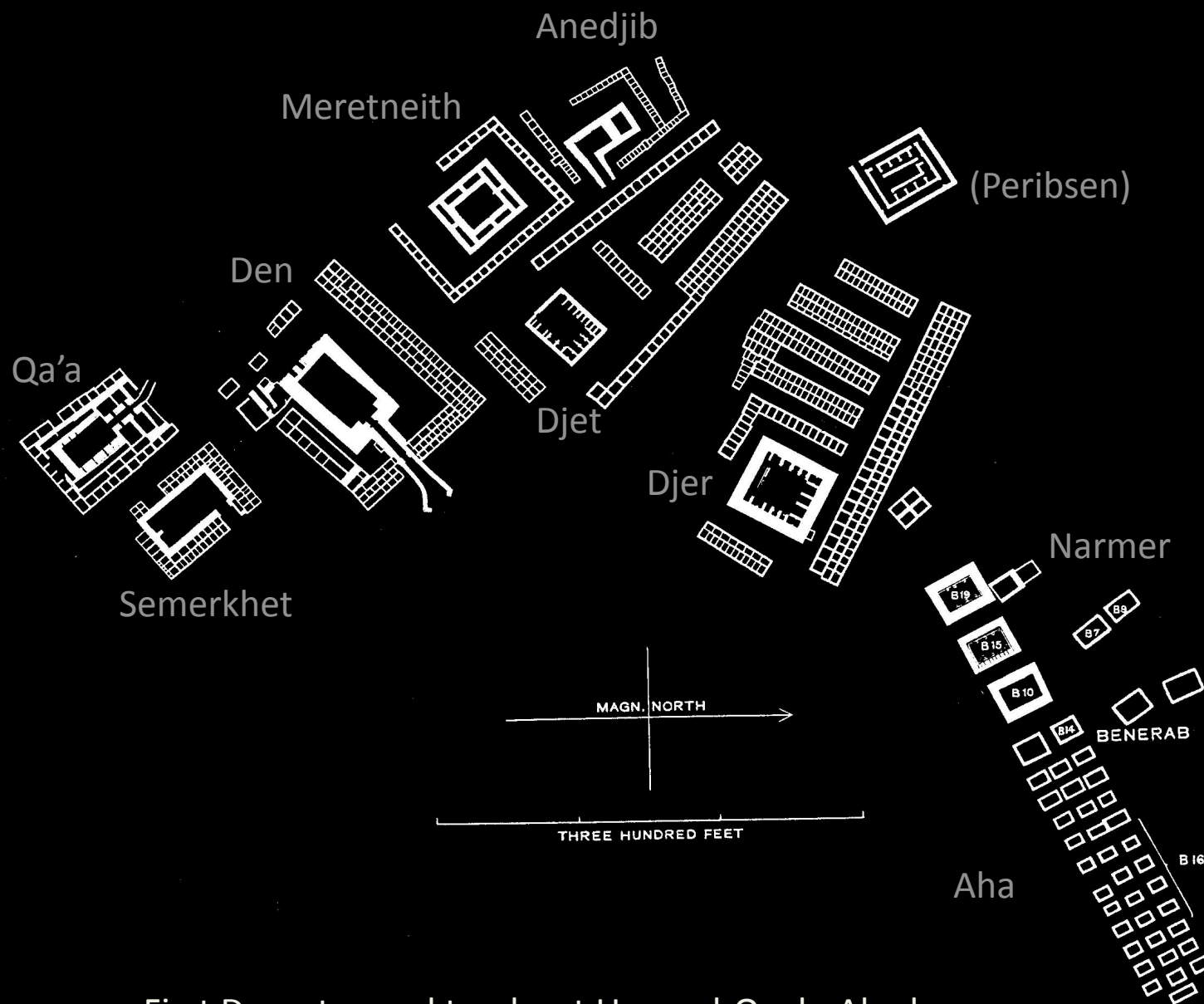
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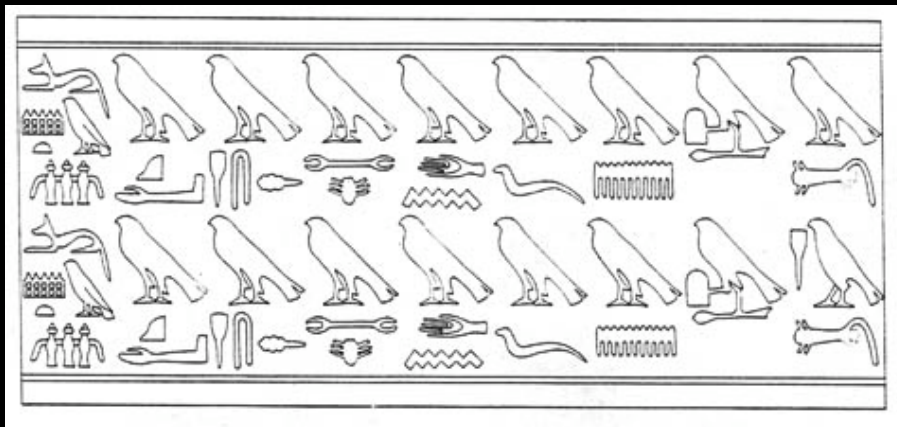
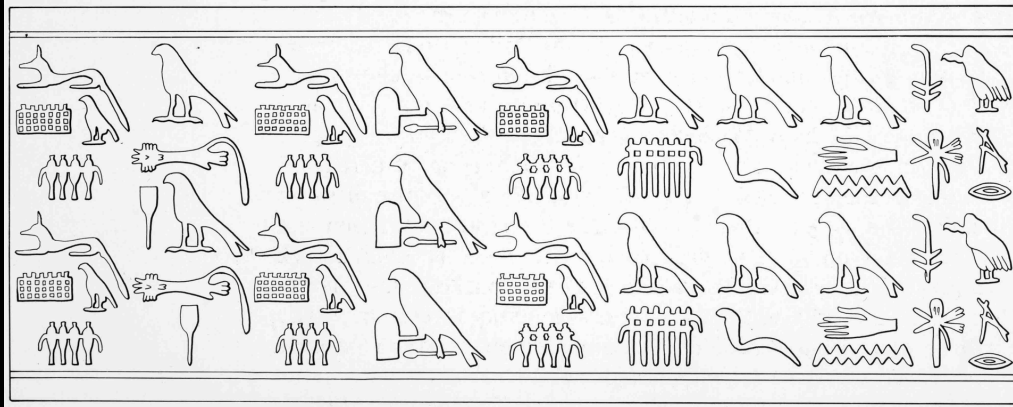


Locations of known Early
Dynastic monumental
architecture



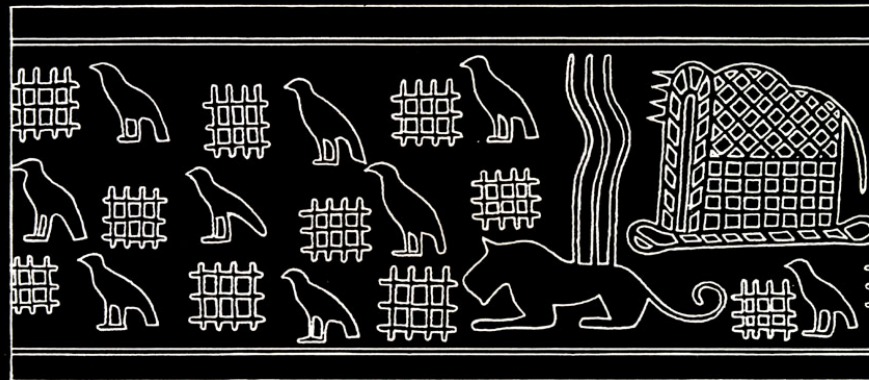


First Dynasty royal tombs at Umm el-Qaab, Abydos



Narmer
 Aha
 Djer
 Djet
 (King's Mother) Meretneith
 Den
 Anedjib
 Semerkhet
 Qa'a

Seal impressions from Umm el-Qaab with
 "king lists" of the 1st Dynasty



Inscribed tag, beer jar, and seal impression from the First Dynasty

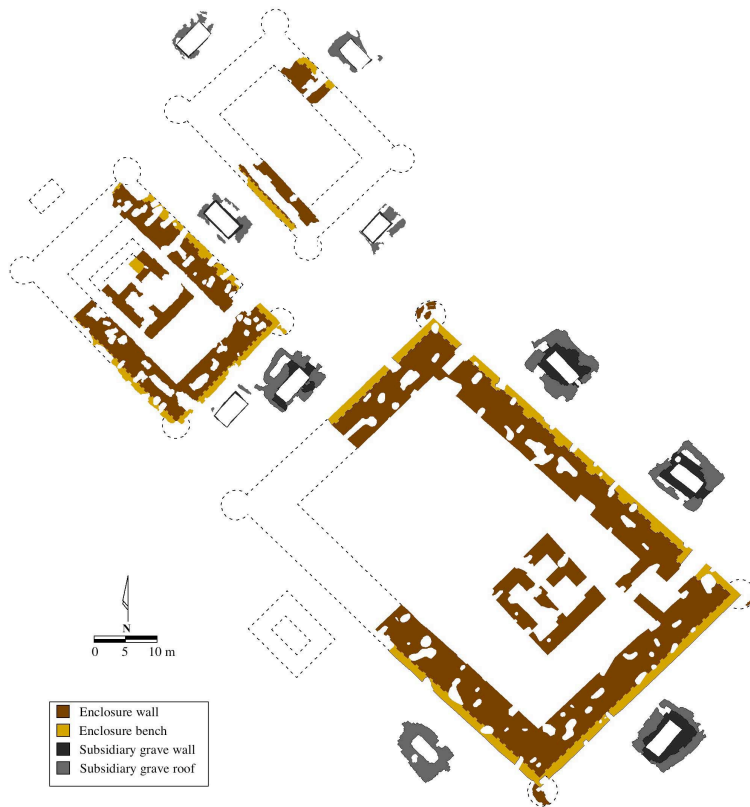


Subsidiary graves at Abydos



Royal and private stelae from Abydos

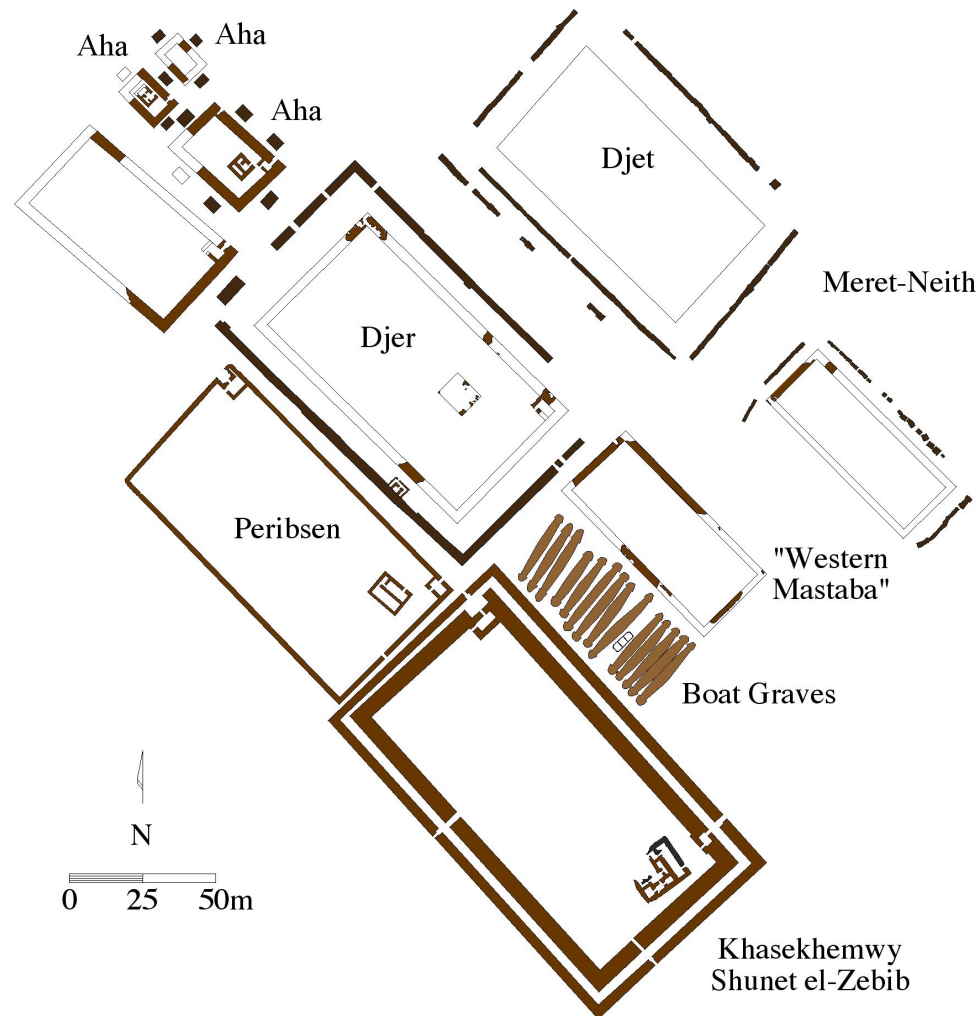
Abydos North Cemetery
Three enclosures from the reign of Aha



Early royal monumental buildings: Funerary enclosures at Abydos



Abydos Early Dynastic Funerary Enclosures and Boat Graves



Label from the tomb of Den, Umm el-Qaab

Sdjawy-bjty =

royal scribe,
Hemaka

Serekh
of Den

Heb-sed pavilion (?) and race

Golden
building of
the oil press

Hwt nswt
= royal
palace

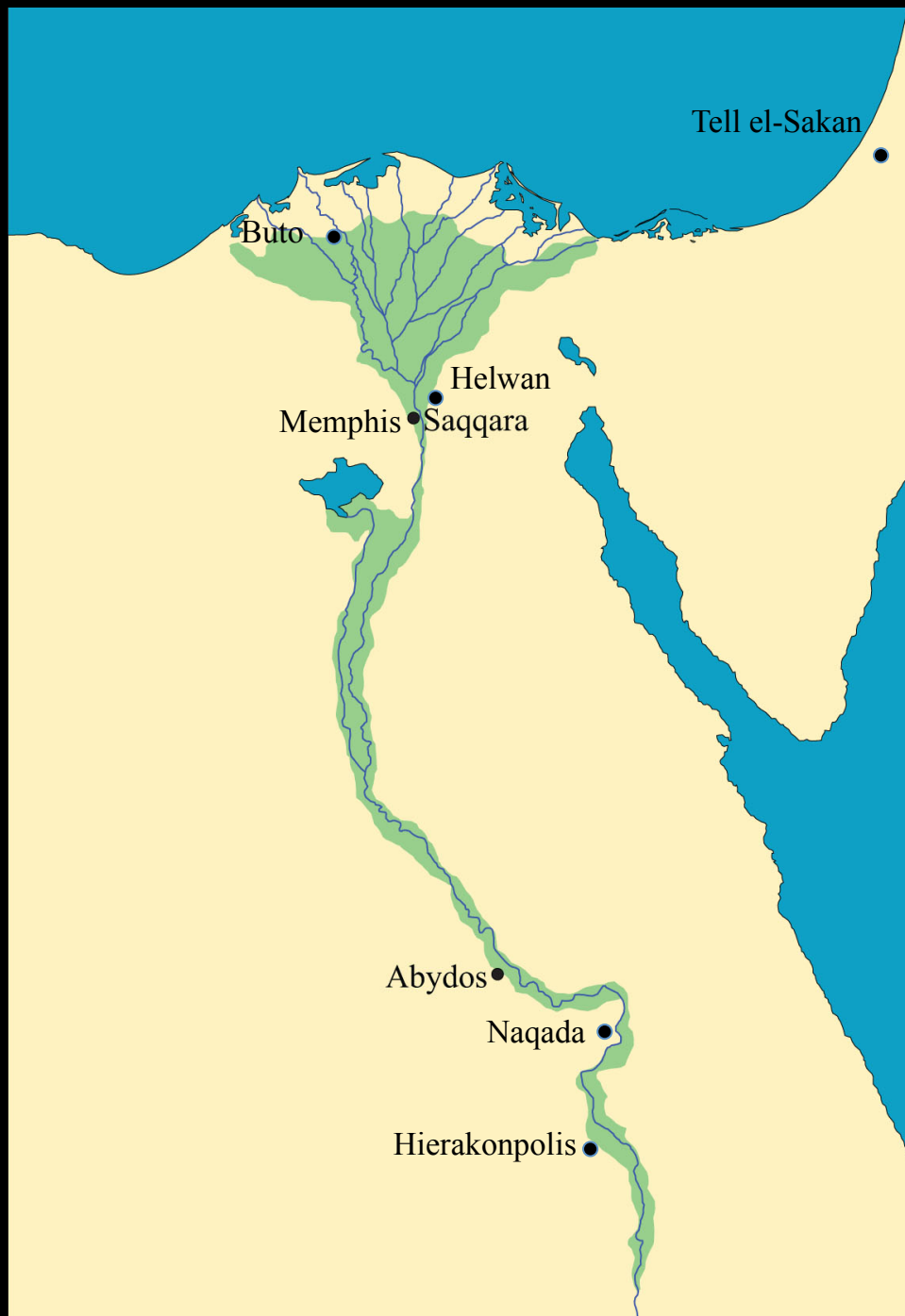
rnpt = year

Opening of
the fortress
“beautiful
door”

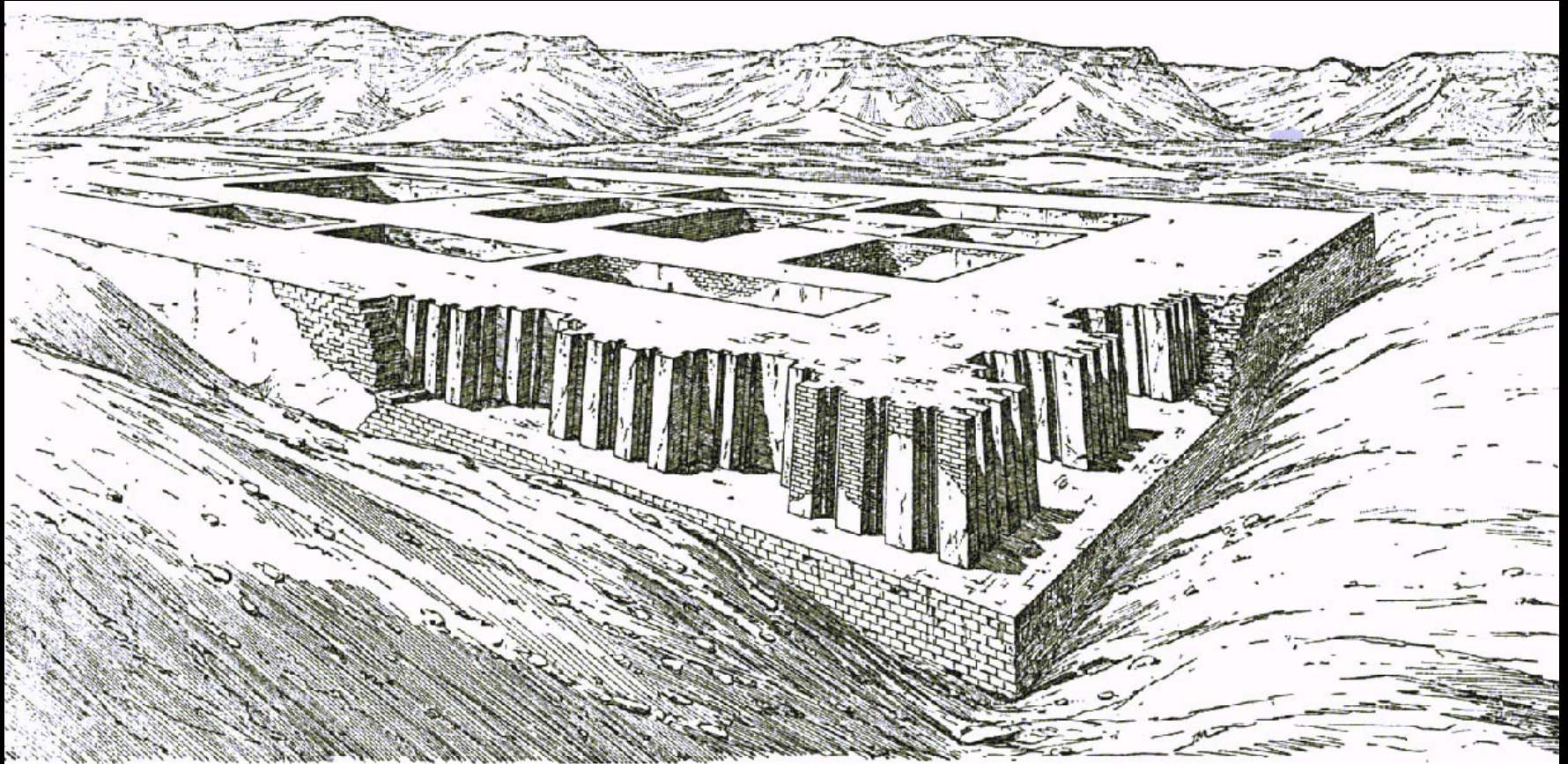
Offerings

Oil from Libya, highest quality

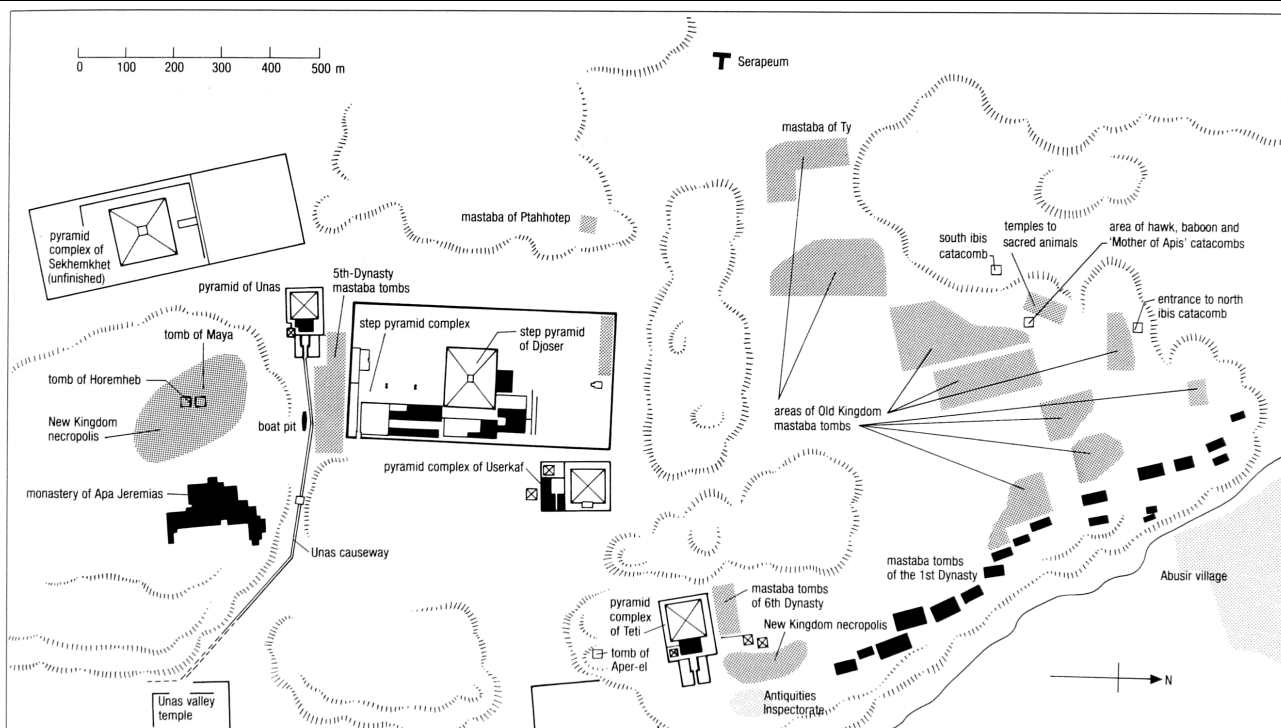




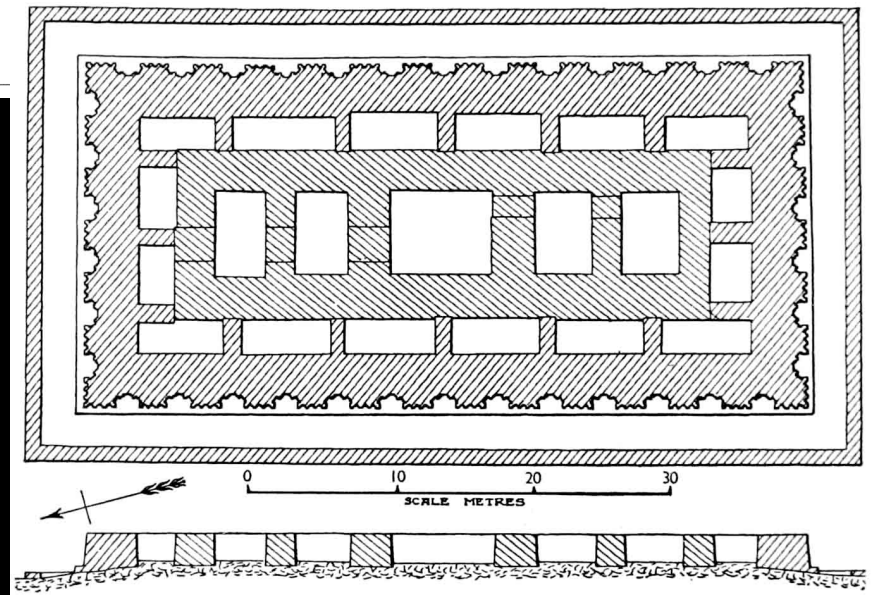
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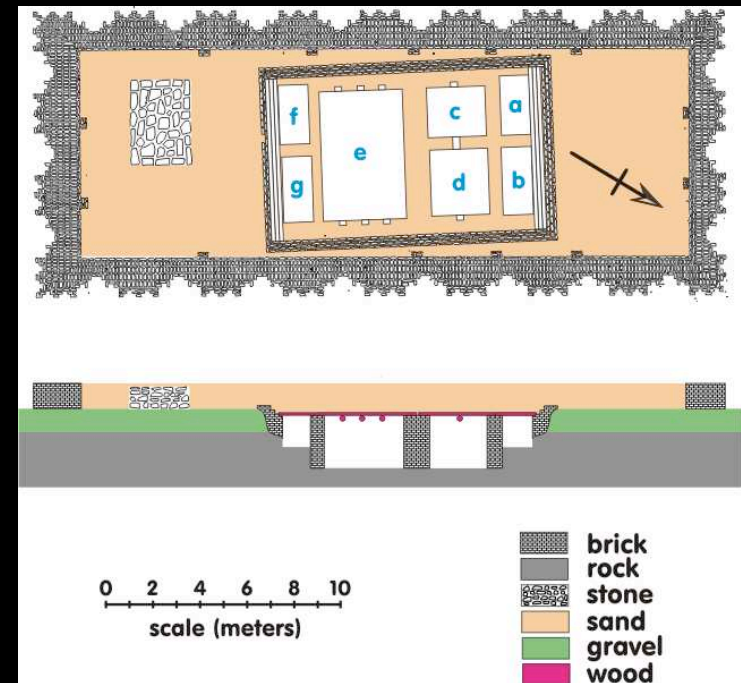
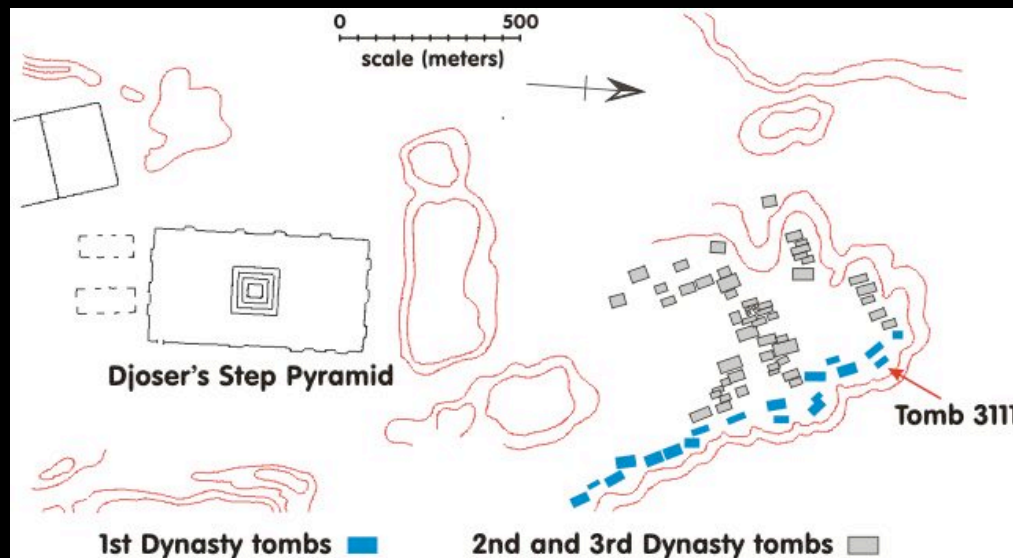


Mastaba of Neithhotep (mother of Aha, presumed consort of Narmer) at Naqada

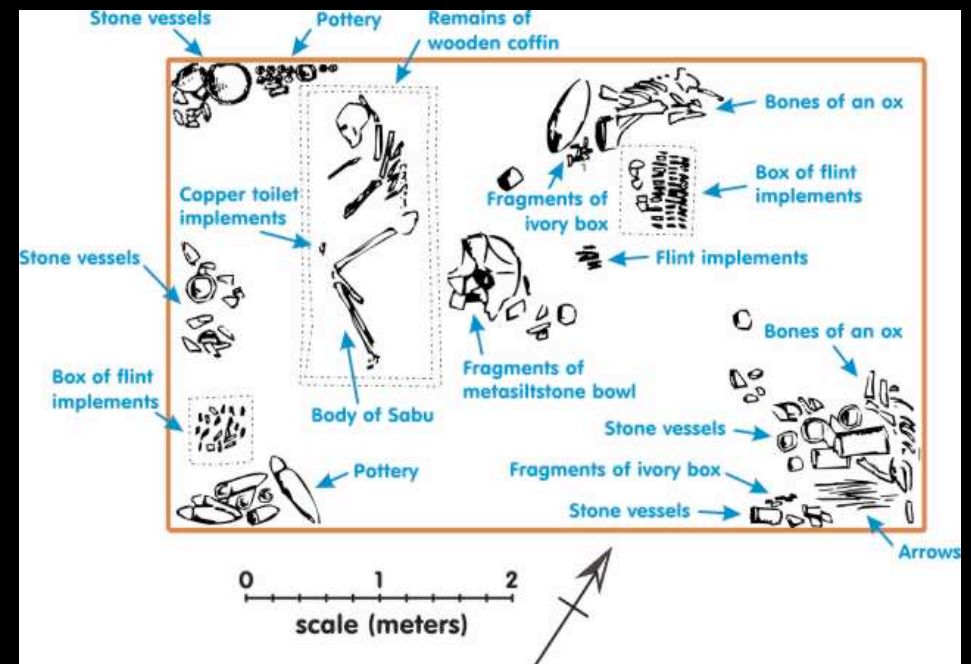


Elite “mastaba” tombs at Saqqara

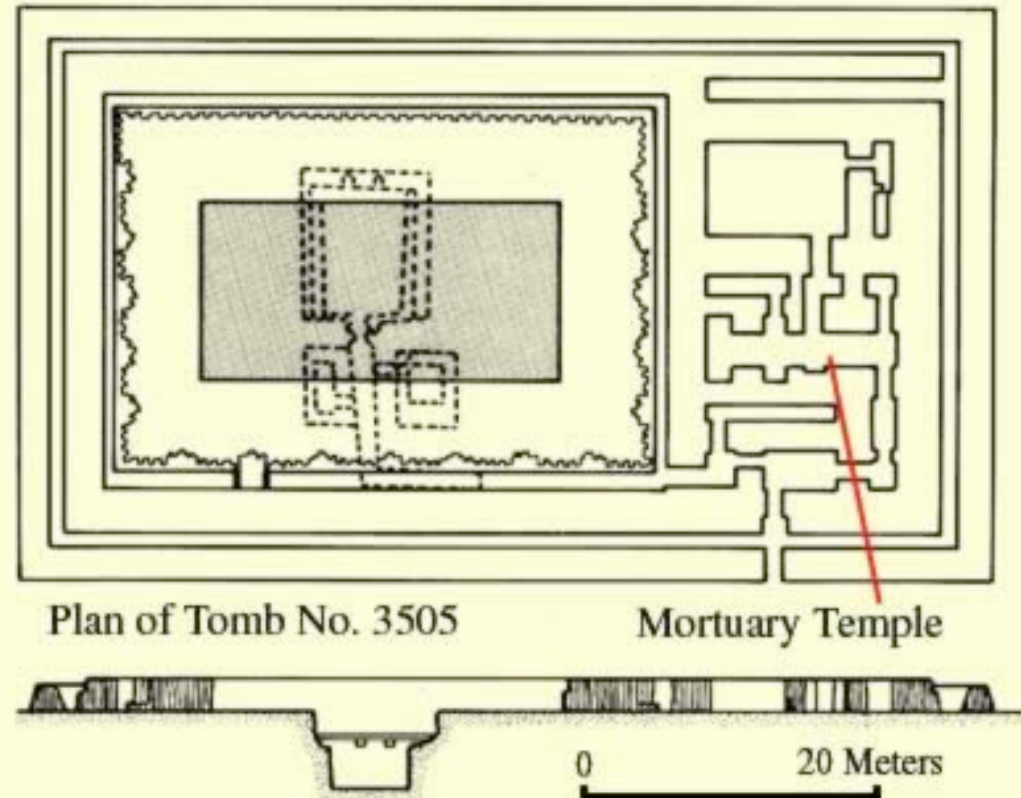




Mastaba of Sabu, mid 1st Dynasty Saqqara (S3111)



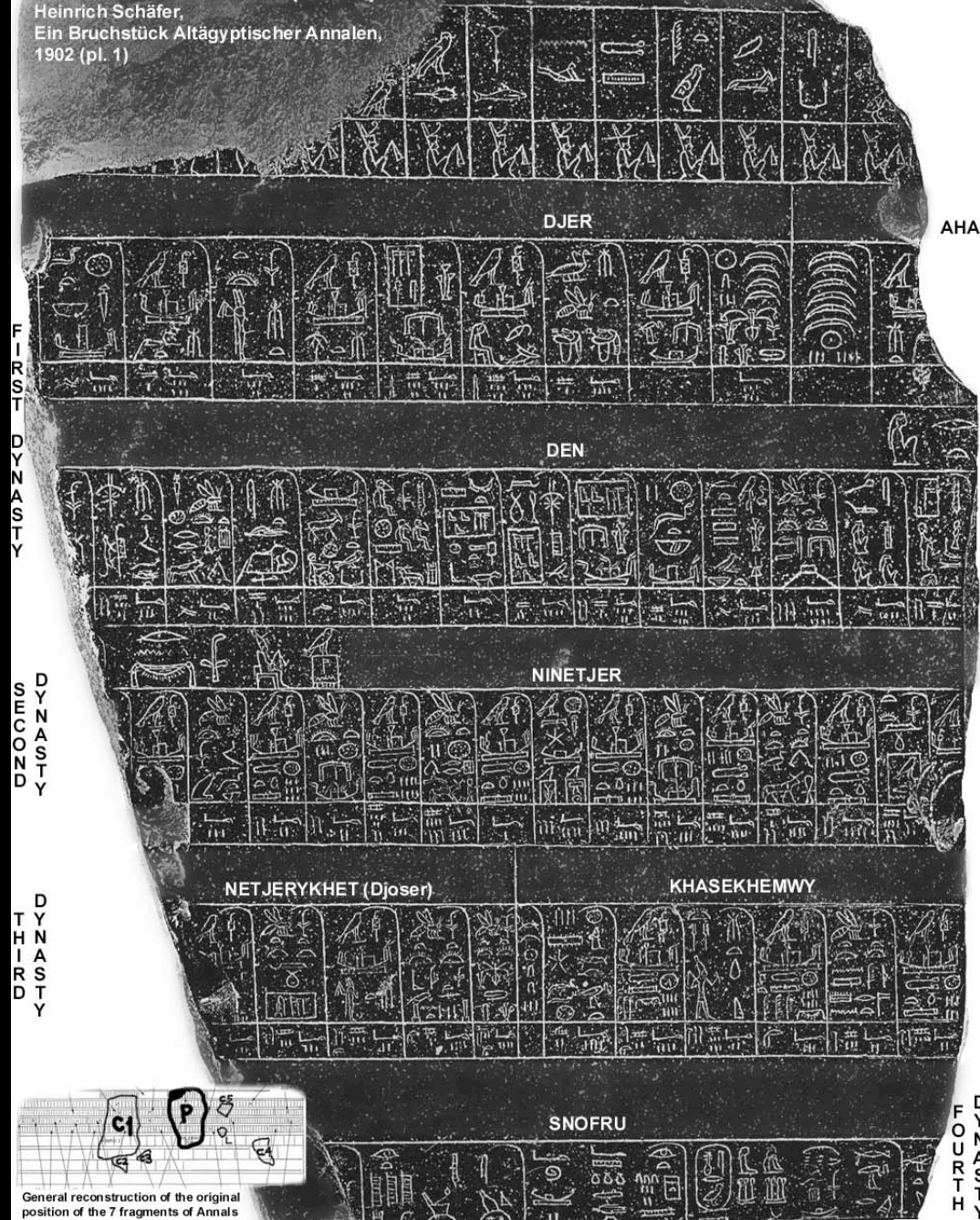
Stela and mastaba of Merka,
Saqqara, late 1st Dynasty



PALERMO STONE (recto)

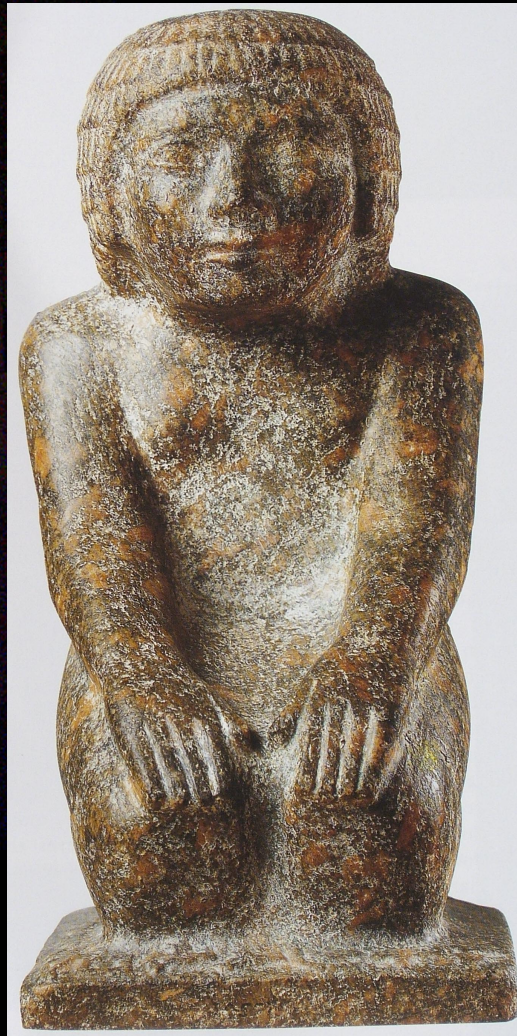
Heinrich Schäfer,
Ein Bruchstück Altägyptischer Annalen,
1902 (pl. 1)

LATE PREDYNASTIC KINGS

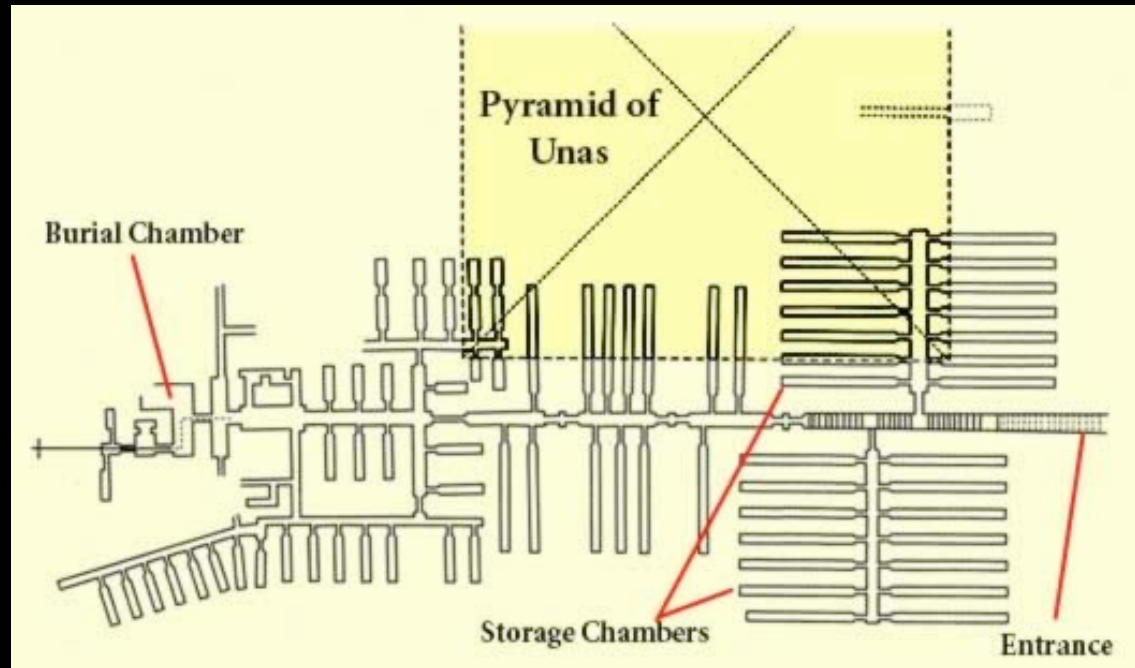
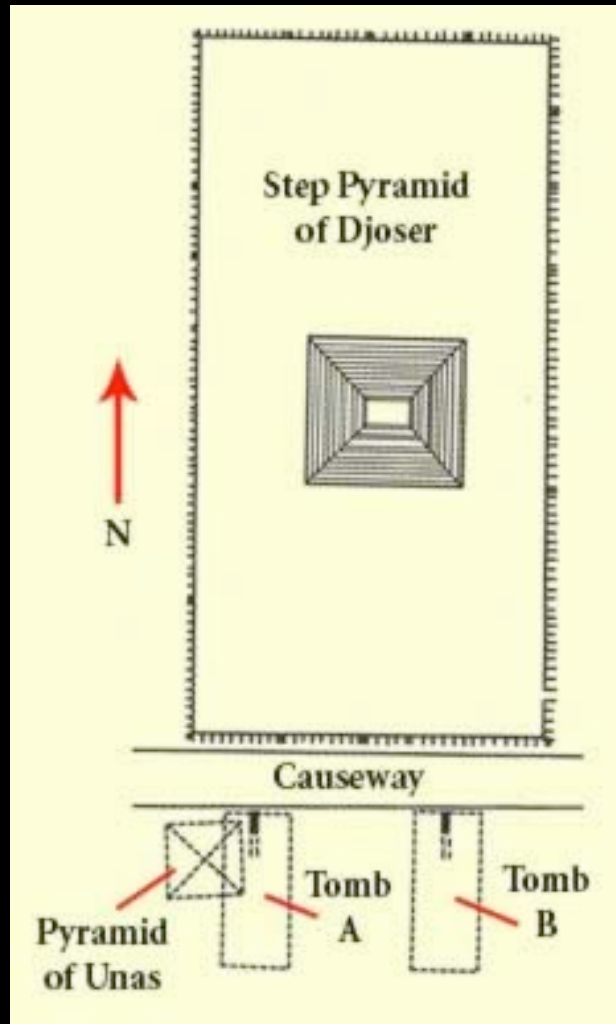




Large administrative building or palace of the Early Dynastic Period at Buto



Stela of king Raneb (Nebra); statue of the mortuary priest Hetepdjef listing three 2nd Dynasty kings: Hetepsekehmewy, Raneb and Ninetjer



A: Hetepsekhemwy



B: Ninetjer





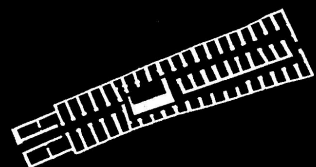
Private stelae of the 2nd Dynasty



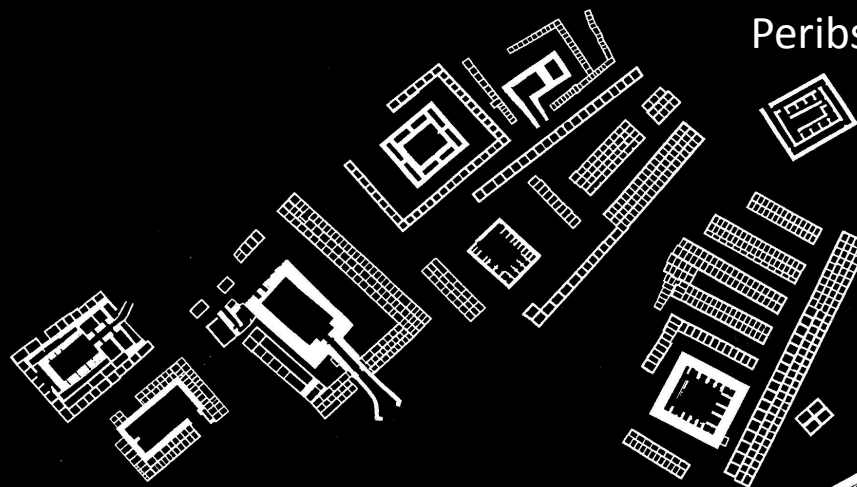
Seth Peribsen and Horus and Seth Khasekhemwy



Khasekhemwy

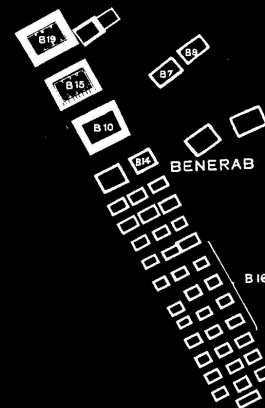
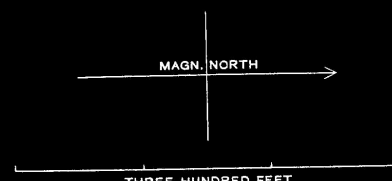


Peribsen



MAGN. NORTH

THREE HUNDRED FEET





“Shunet ez-Zebib”
Funerary enclosure of
Khasekhemwy at Abydos



Seal Impressions of HORUS SEKHEMIB PERENMAAT

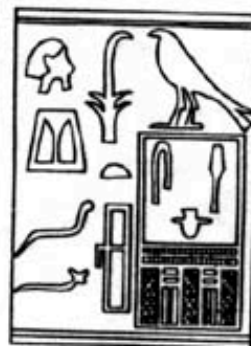
FR4F

All from Umm el Qa'ab P
(Peribsen's tomb) except
IAF 308 from
Peribsen's "Middle Fort",
IAF 804 unprovenanced.

A further seal impression
of Sekhemib has been
found at Elephantine.



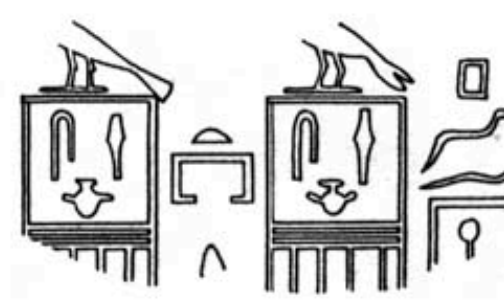
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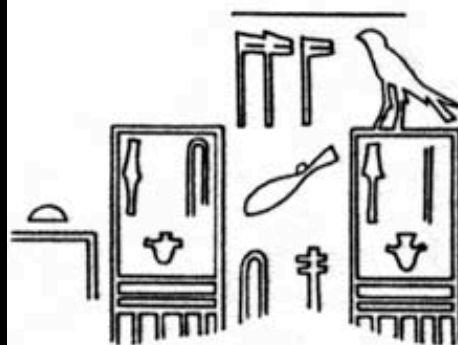
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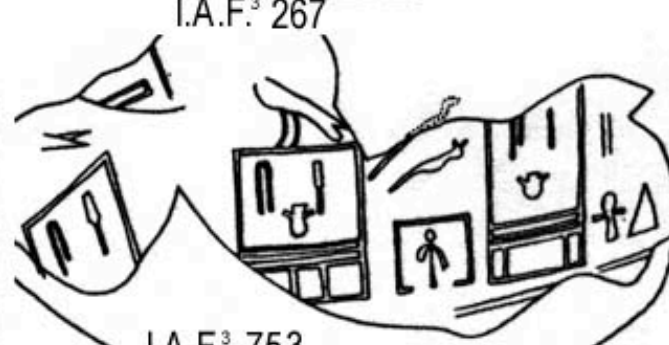
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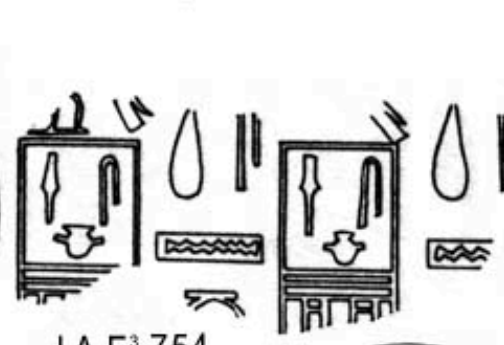
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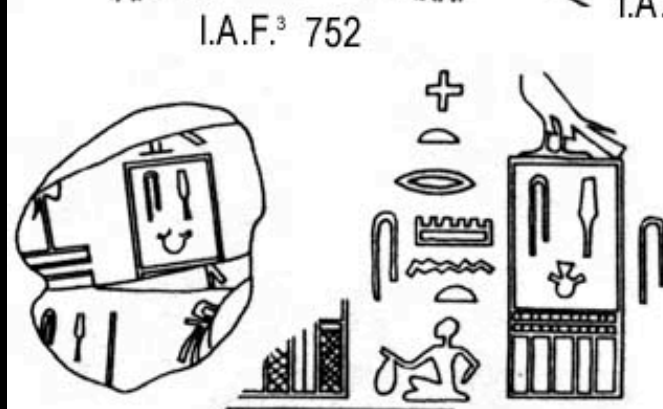
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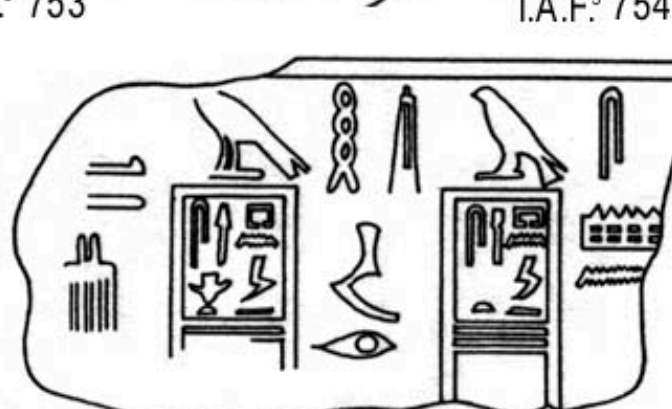


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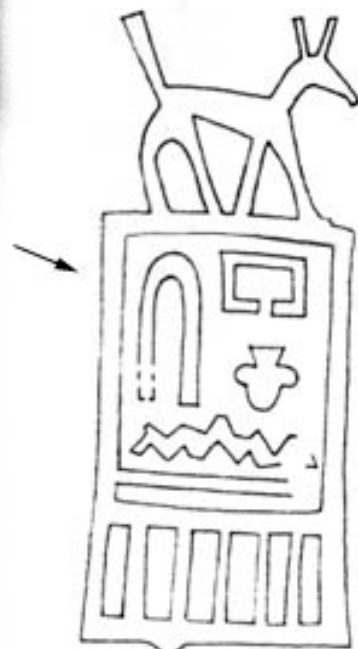


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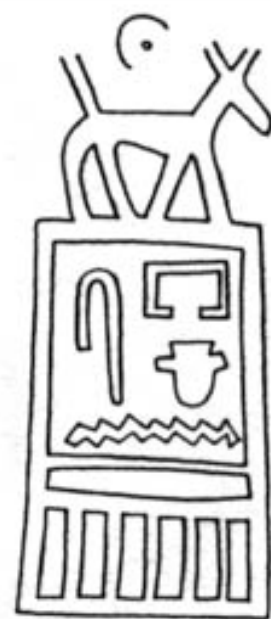


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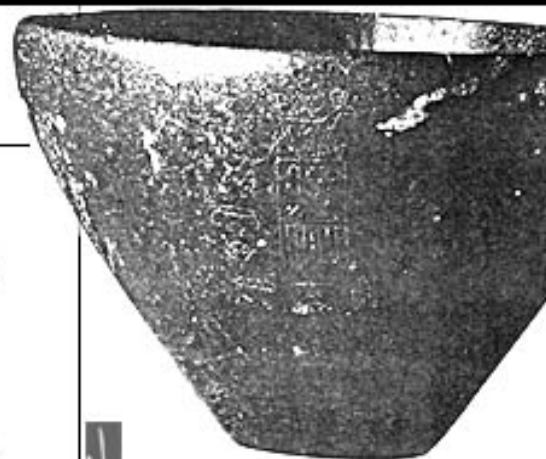
STONE VESSELS INSCRIPTIONS PERIBSEN



Kaplony, M.D.A.I.K. 20 n. 51
(Limestone)



Kaplony, I.A.F. III pl. 80
right of n. 302



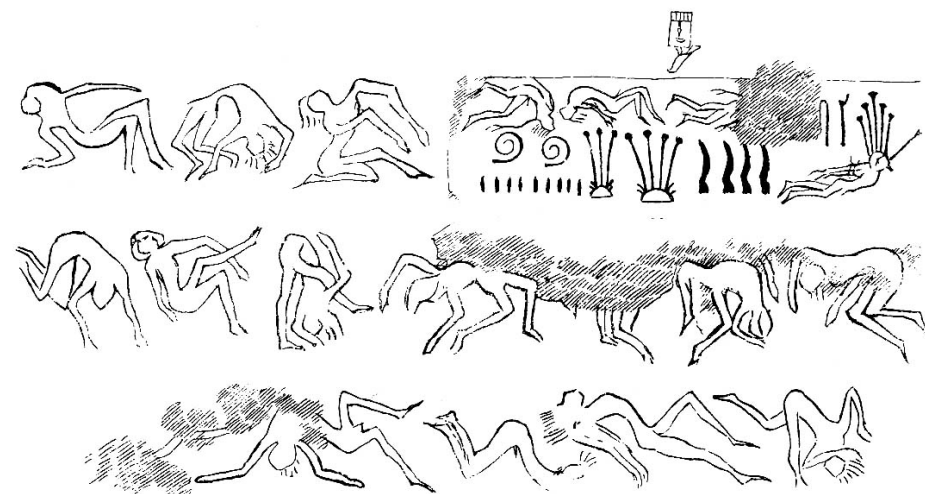
Kaplony, Steingefasse n. 18, pl. 23

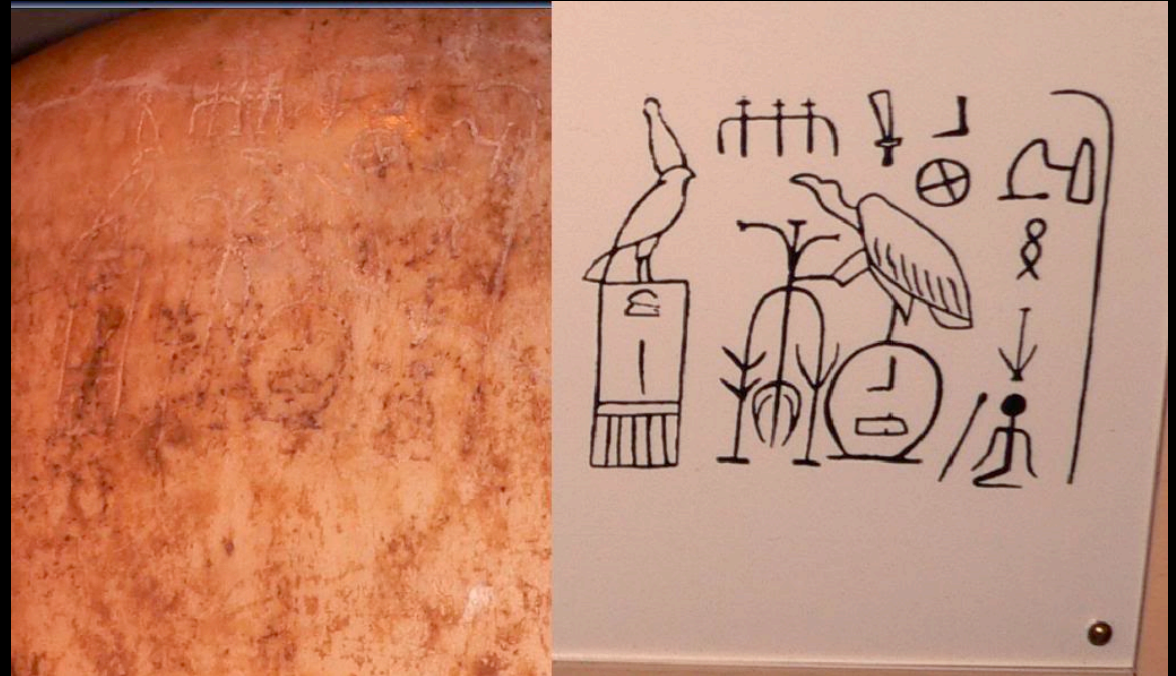
R. T. I pl. 4.7 (Crystal)
Abydos, tomb Y
(Merneith)

(= Spencer, E.D.O. n. 276)

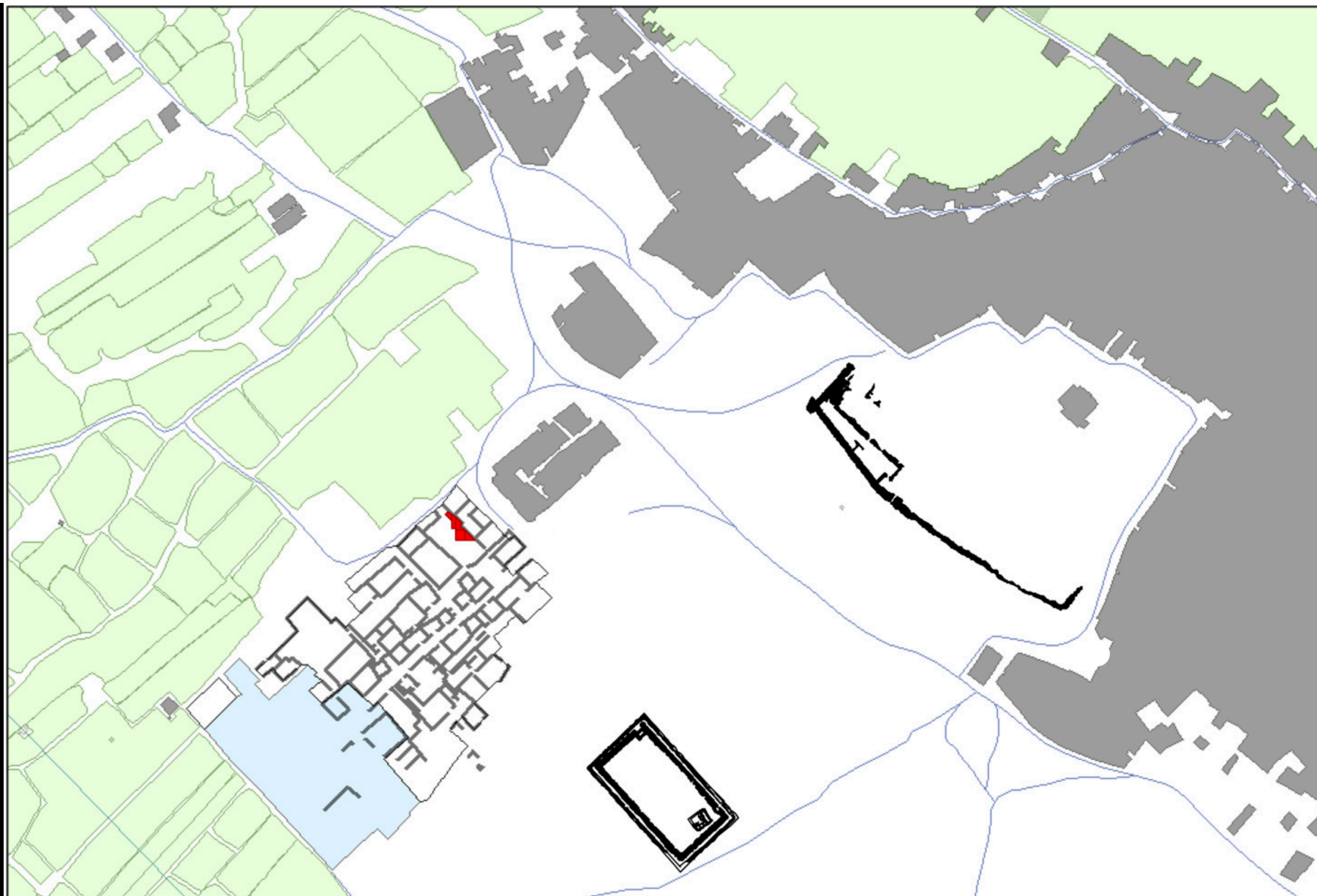


Spencer, Early Dynastic Objects in British Mus. n. 278
(Porphyry) prob. Sekhemib (cfr. serekh in ibid. n. 301)





Jar inscription of Horus Khasekhem reading “year of fighting and smiting the northerners” found in temple deposit at Hierakonpolis



Red: 2010-11 Excavation units in the area of the newly discovered funerary enclosure



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2010-2011 Season

Scale 1:5000

0 50 100 Meters

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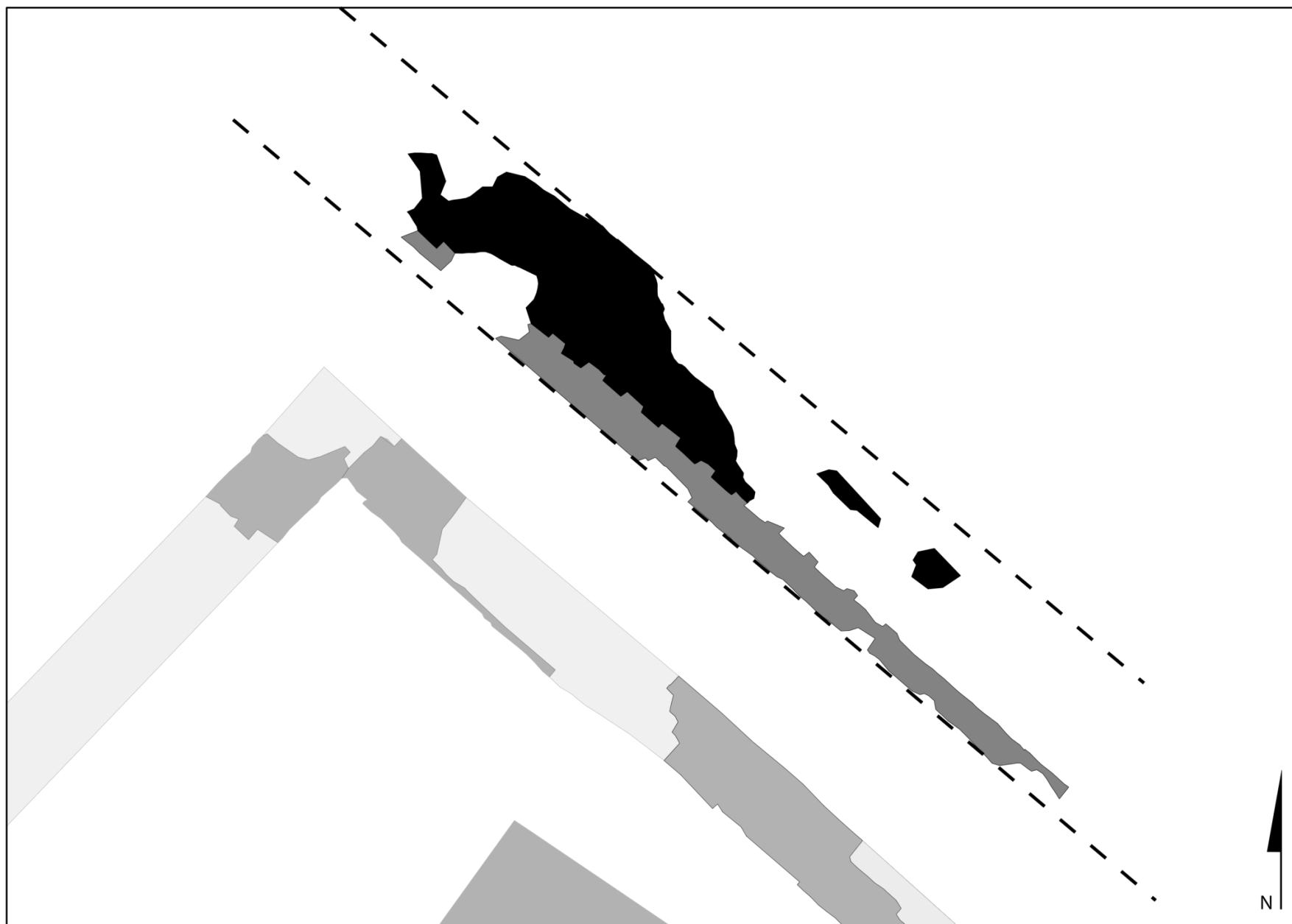
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Area of excavations inside the modern Coptic cemetery on satellite image,
with nearest previously known funerary enclosures shown

Scale 1:500



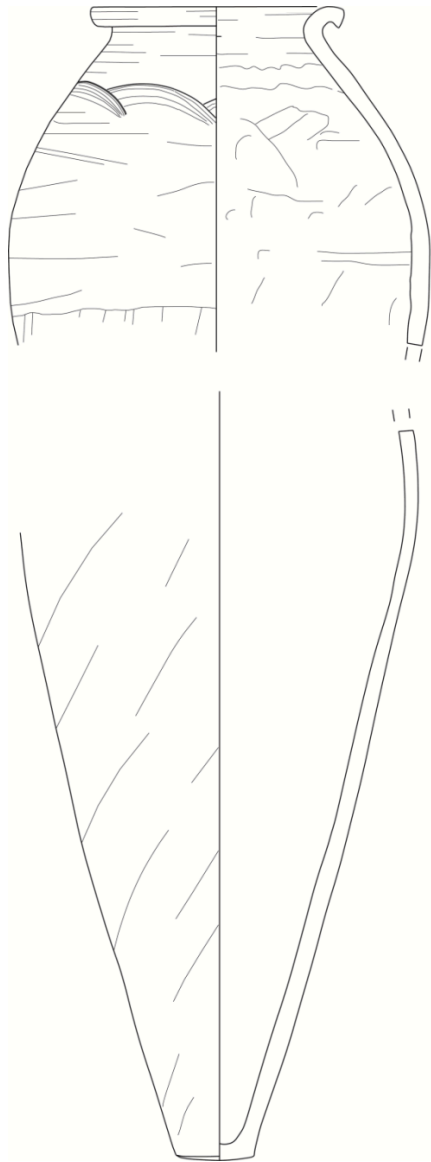




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Type 1
2 Examples



Type 2
2 Examples

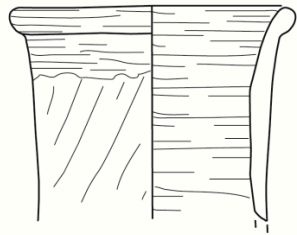


Type 3
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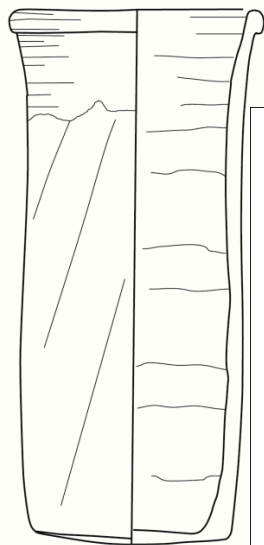


Cylindrical Vessels, 4 examples

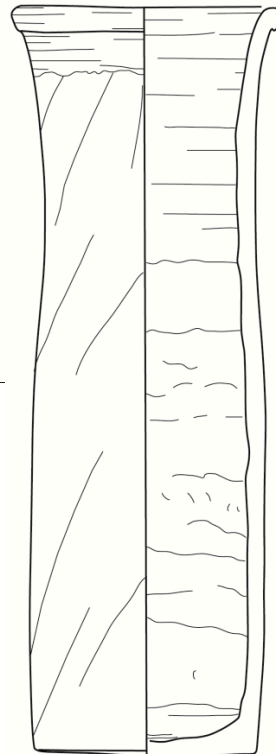
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P10-97
RD 12cm 45%



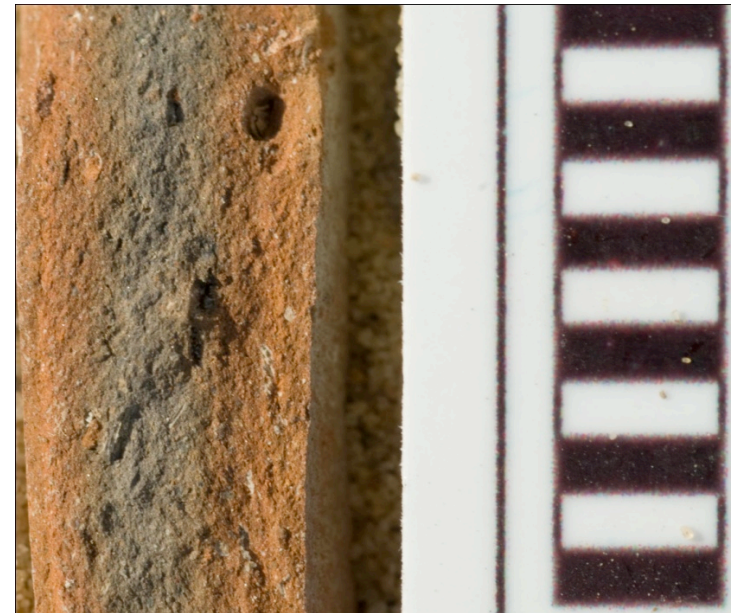
P10-95
H 22.5cm 100%



P10-53
H 31.5cm 100%



“Elongated cylinders” x2



Fabric:

- Very fine Marl clay, hard
- Inclusions:
 - Limestone <.1.5mm (2)
 - Limestone <.3mm (1)



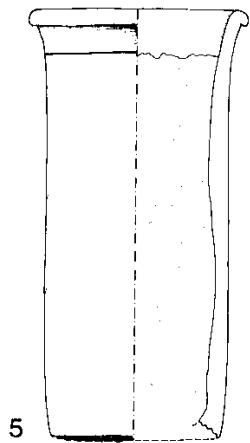
Operations 172-175

Relative position in postulated sequence of cylinders at Abydos

Dynasty "0"

Dynasty 1

Iry Hor/Ka



5
633
MDAIK 52 p55 Abb.17

IIIB

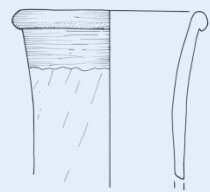
Narmer



Abb. 90: Steuervermerk des Narmer (1/12)
MDAIK 54 p140 Abb.30

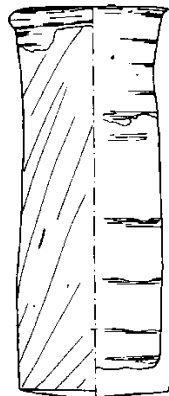
IIIC1

Aha



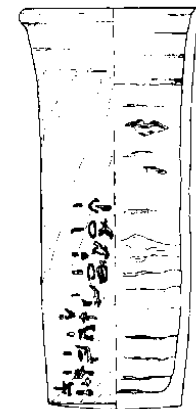
Knoblauch
forthcoming
Aha II Talbezirk

Djer?



e) T-OO-K 370
R 486
MDAIK 59 p96 Abb.10

Djer?



MDAIK 62 p78 Abb.4

Den



b) T-NO/5
MDAIK 54 p153
Abb.33

IIIC2

fine marl clay

Nile silt

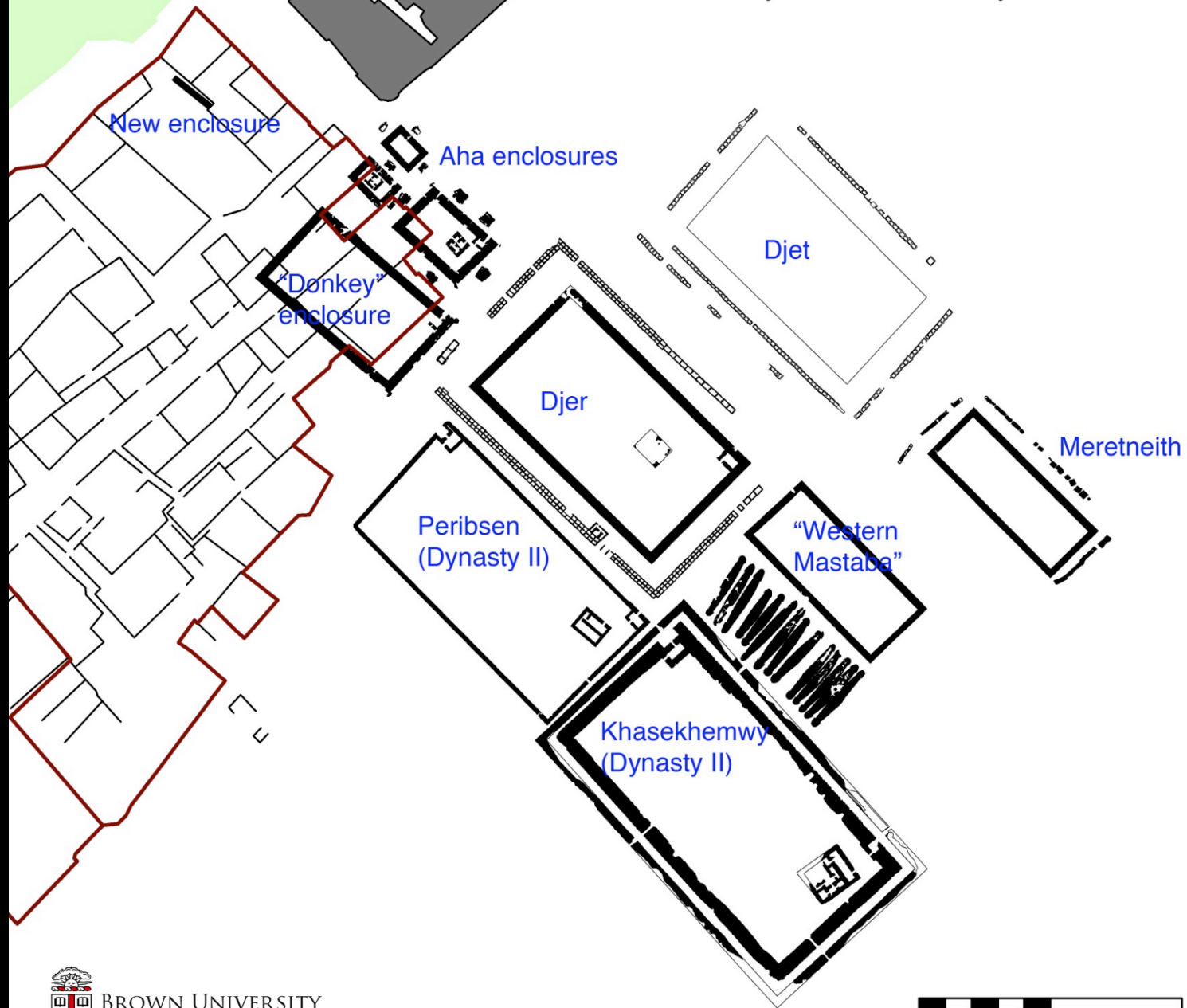
standard size (21-23cm)

decrease in standard size (<20cm)

decorated

undecorated

Early Dynastic Funerary Enclosures in the Abydos North Cemetery



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0 50 100 Meters