

Middle Kingdom Chronology

11th Dynasty (starting in the middle) (at Thebes)

Nebhepetre Montuhotep (II)

Seankhkare Montuhotep III

Nebtawyre Montuhotep IV

12th Dynasty (at Itj-tawy)

Amenemhat I (former vizier?)

Senwosret I (probable co-regency with Amenemhat I)

Amenemhat II (probable co-regency with Senwosret I)

Senwosret II (probable co-regency with Amenemhat II)

Senwosret III

Amenemhat III (probable co-regency with Senwosret III)

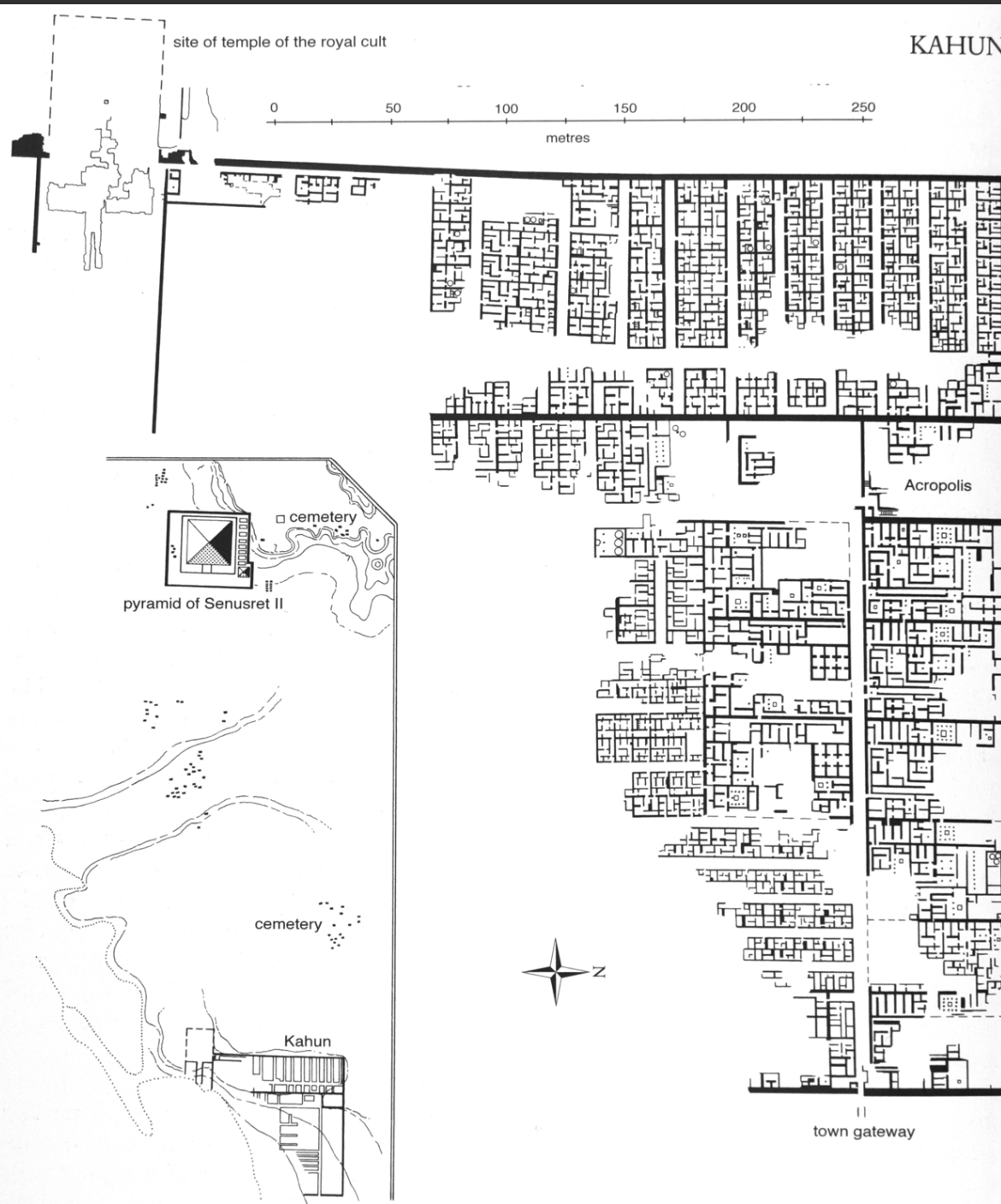
Amenemhat IV

Sobeknefru

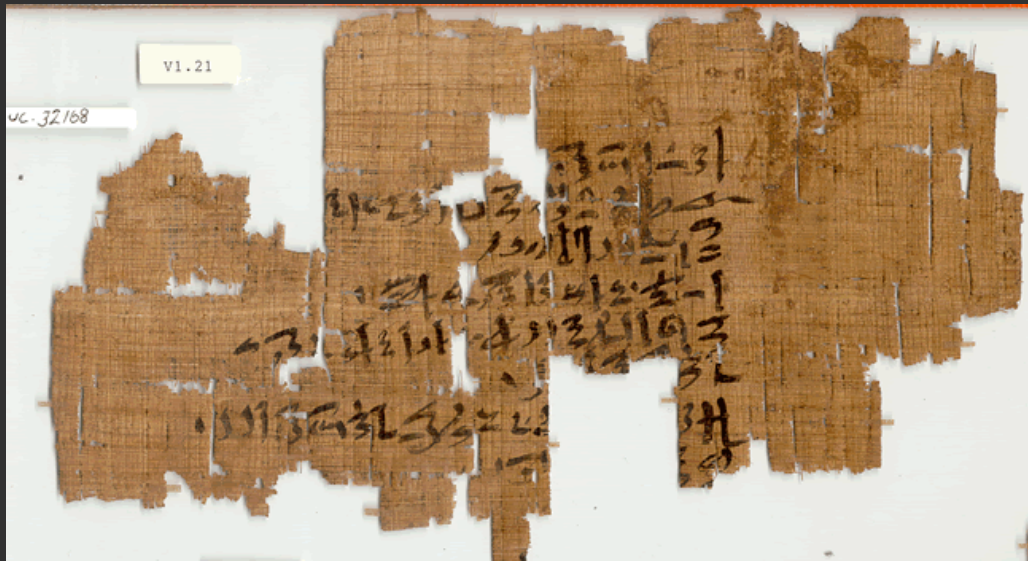
13th Dynasty (at Itj-tawy, then Thebes)

many kings of whom Neferhotep I and Sobekhotep IV are the best attested

KAHUN



Lahun Papyri



Name list for a work project:

Year 41 month 3 of flood day [...]

Drawn up, the bureau of the district of Hetep-Senusret
beside the deputy Sneferu's son Sneferu

by the calculator of manpower Ipherkhenet's son Ipneb

Mustering the labourforce of stone haulers who are for
the section of month 4 of flood and month 1 of spring

Namelist [of labourers] allotted against the stipulations of the section of month 4
of flood, month 1 of spring

Director [...'s son] Khety

[...]

[...]

“what is in the estate” of Wah: a 12th Dynasty will from Lahun

“I am making my *imet-per* for my wife the woman of Gesiab Satsopdu’s daughter Sheftu called Teti, consisting of everything my brother the Trusty Sealer of the Director of Works Ankhren gave me, with everything in its place, being everything he gave me. May she give to whichever of her children she wishes of those she bears to me.

I am giving her the Asiatics, four individuals, whom my brother the Trusty Sealer of the Director of Works Ankhren gave me. May she give to whichever of her children she wishes.

As for my tomb in which I am to be buried with my wife, let no one infringe upon it. Then, as for those chambers which my brother the Trusty Sealer of the Director of Works Ankhren built for me, my wife is to dwell there, never to be expelled from there by anyone.

(added later in slightly different handwriting) The deputy Gebu is to act as infant tutor to my son.”



Travel to Lahun to count the fields; list of objects from the treasury of the town

Year 1 month 3 of summer day 20

Crossing the river by the accountant of fishermen
Senusretankh Kemeni to Hetep-Senusret with the
counted goods of the Fayum fields

Copy of the circular [...] issued (?) to the deputy
Sehetep (?)

[...] of Fayum, territory of the accountant of fishermen
Kem[eni?]

[] copper 1 [...] supplied [from]
[] copper 1 [...] the treasury of
[] copper 2 this town;
[] wood 1 1 received on the [...]
[] pottery 4 8 [of ...]
[] pottery 5 5(?) Ressenab
[] pottery ... [...] [...]
[] pottery 9 supplied (?)

[Total] 22 [...]



Year 3, month 1 of flood, day 6
Sailing to the Residence
to hand over the first (dues) of the year [...] on
month 1 of flood day 6
Brought by the man of the fleet Seneb
and the fisherman Nenkhemsen
....

Kahun Gynecological Papyrus



Examination of a woman all of whose limbs are ill, aching in the socket of her eyes

You should say of it 'it is deprivation of the womb; no beer-drinking (?) has been allowed it for the condition of a fresh birth (?)'.

You should treat it with 1 portion (?) of dough (?) and water
Drink 1[+x] mornings

Examination of a woman aching in her legs and her calves after walking

You should say of it 'it is discharges of the womb'.

You should treat it with a massage of her legs and calves with mud until she is well

Determining a woman who will conceive from one who will not

You should [make] fresh oil and [...] You should [...] it

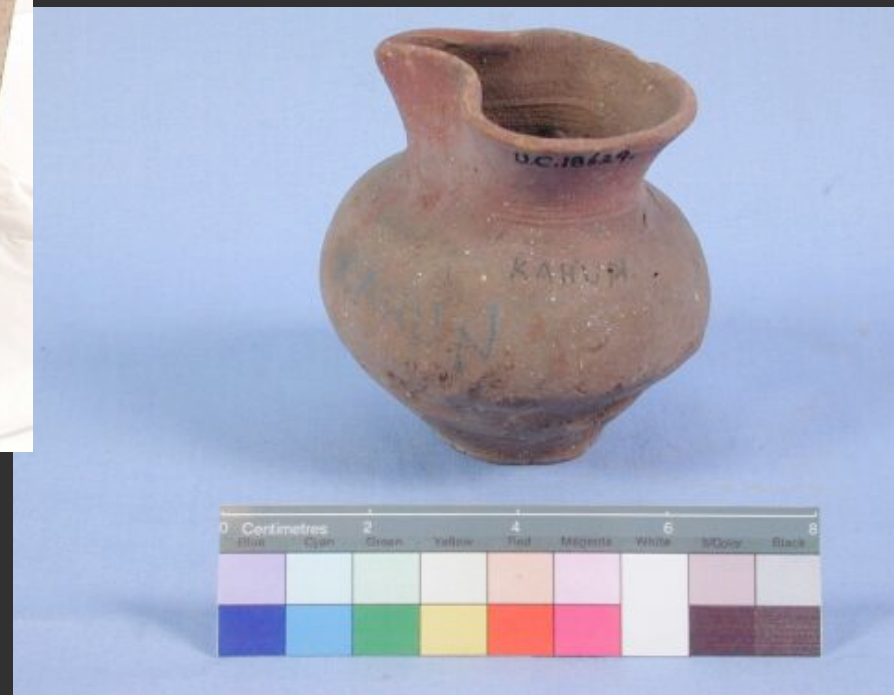
If the vessels of her innards are found distended, you should say of it 'it is the birth'

If you find it limp, you should say of it 'she will give birth late',

but if you find her like ..[...]

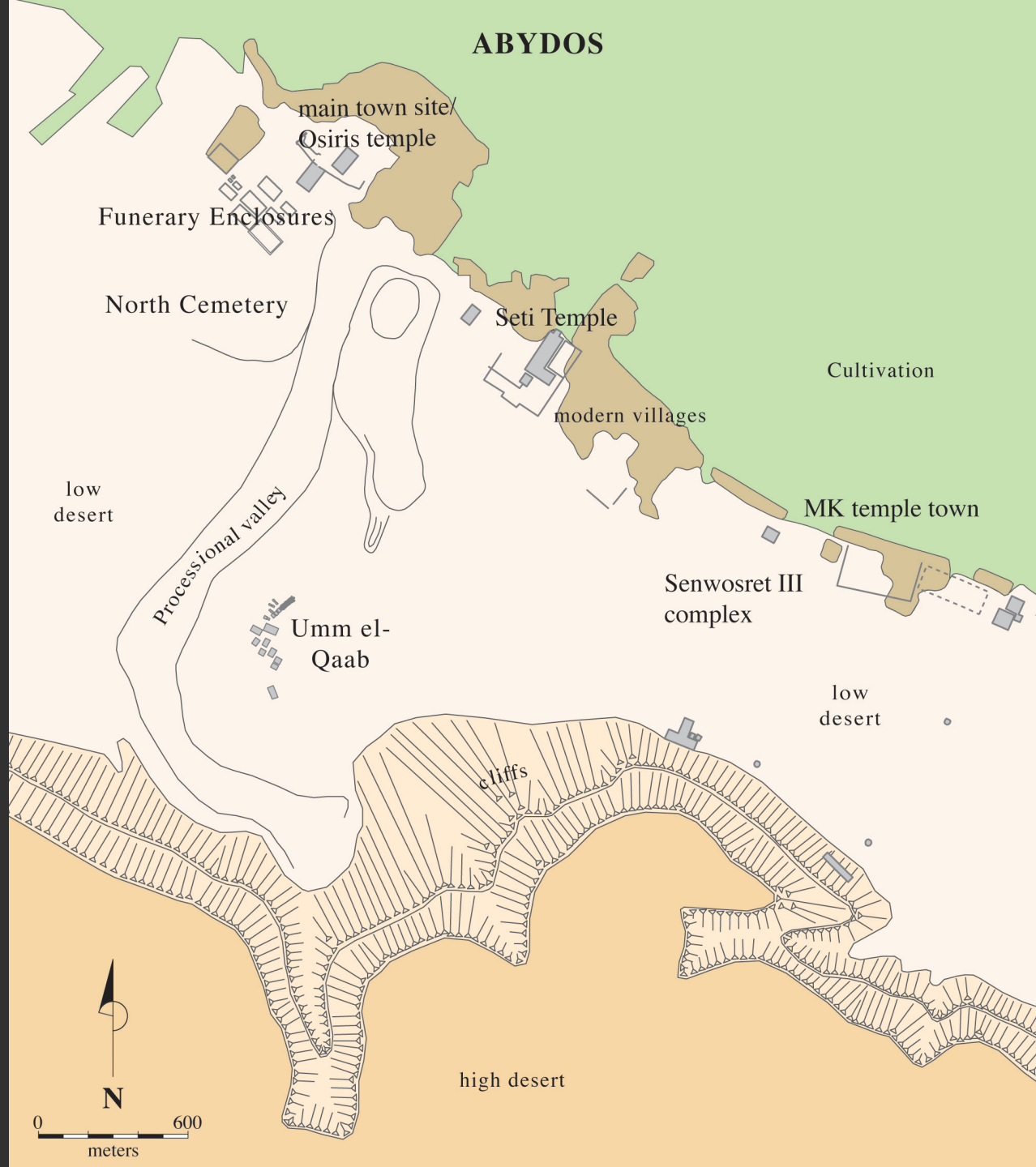


Fertility figurines from Lahun



Infant coffin and feeding cup
from Kahun





ABYDOS

main town site/
Osiris temple

Funerary Enclosures

North Cemetery

Seti Temple

modern villages

Cultivation

MK temple town

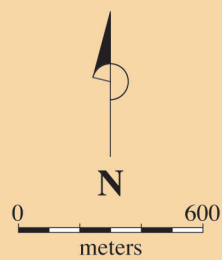
Senwosret III
complex

Umm el-
Qaab

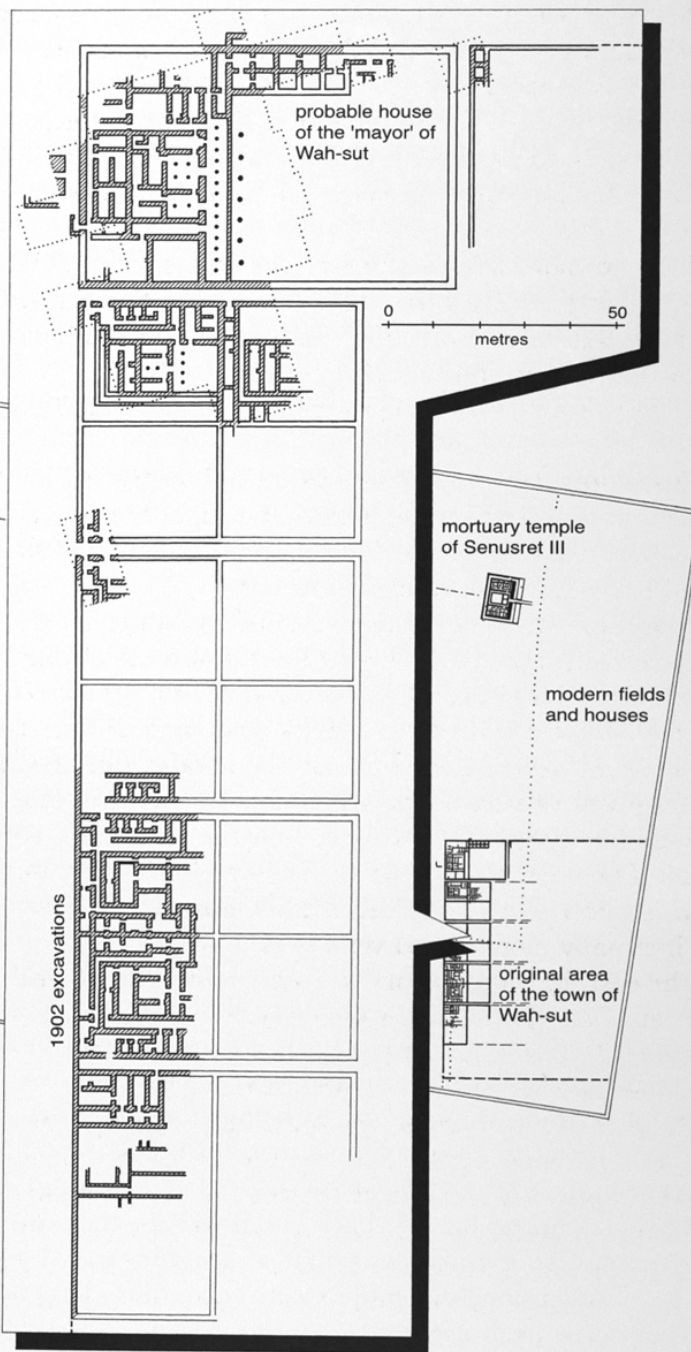
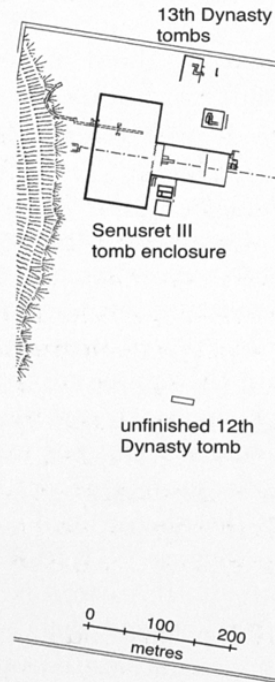
cliffs

high desert

low
desert

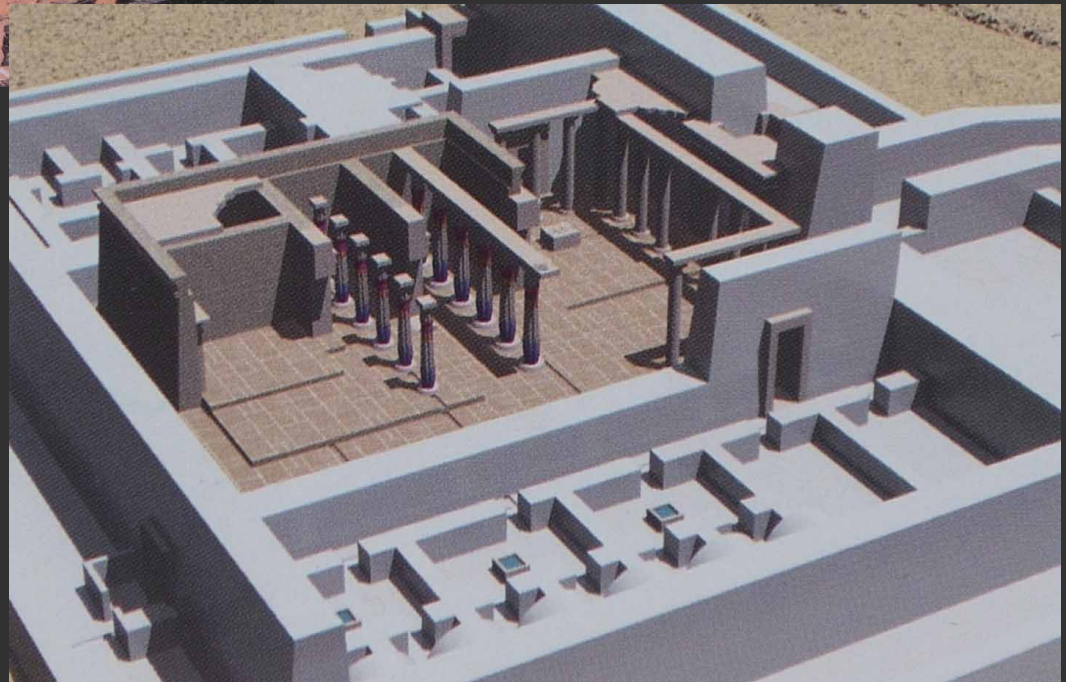


ABYDOS SOUTH





Senwosret III mortuary
temple at Abydos



Sculpture of Senwosret III





Foreign Affairs in the reign of Senwosret III

Abydos stela of Sebekkhu, called Zaa

His majesty proceeded northward, to overthrow the Asiatics. His majesty arrived at a district, Sekmem was its name. His majesty led the good way in proceeding to the palace of "Life, Prosperity, Health" when Sekmem had fallen, together with Retjenu the wretched, while I was acting as rear-guard.

Then the citizens of the army mixed in, to fight with the Asiatics. Then I captured an Asiatic and had his weapons seized by two citizens of the army, for one did not turn back from the fight. My face was to the front, and I gave not my back to the Asiatic.

As Senwosret lives, I have spoken in truth. Then he gave to me a staff of electrum into my hand, a bow, and a dagger wrought with electrum, together with his weapons.

...

The majesty of the King of Upper and Lower Egypt, Khakaure, triumphant, appeared with the double diadem upon the Horus-throne of the living. His majesty caused that I should render service as a warrior, being and beside his majesty, with six men of the court.

Then I made ready at his side, and his majesty caused that I be appointed to be an attendant of the ruler. I furnished 60 men when his majesty proceeded southward to overthrow the Nubians. Then I captured a Nubian in [] alongside my city. Then I proceeded northward, following with six of the court; then he appointed me commander of the attendants, and gave me 100 men as a reward.

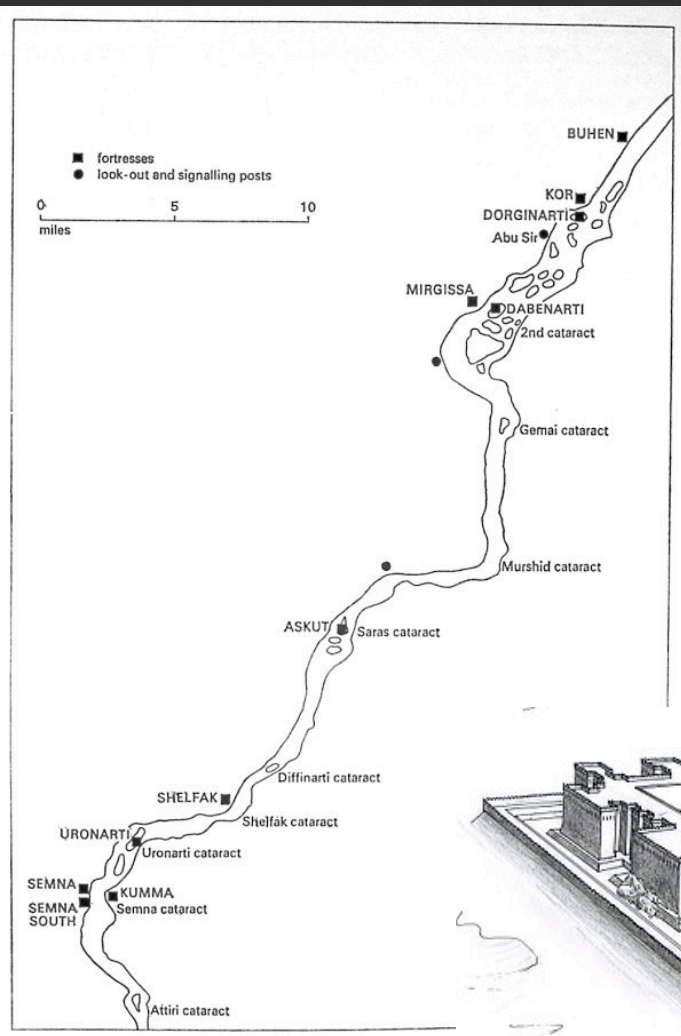
Canal Inscriptions of Senwosret III

He made it as his monument for Anuket, mistress of Nubia, making for her a canal, whose name is “Beautiful are the Ways of Khakaure”, that he may live forever.

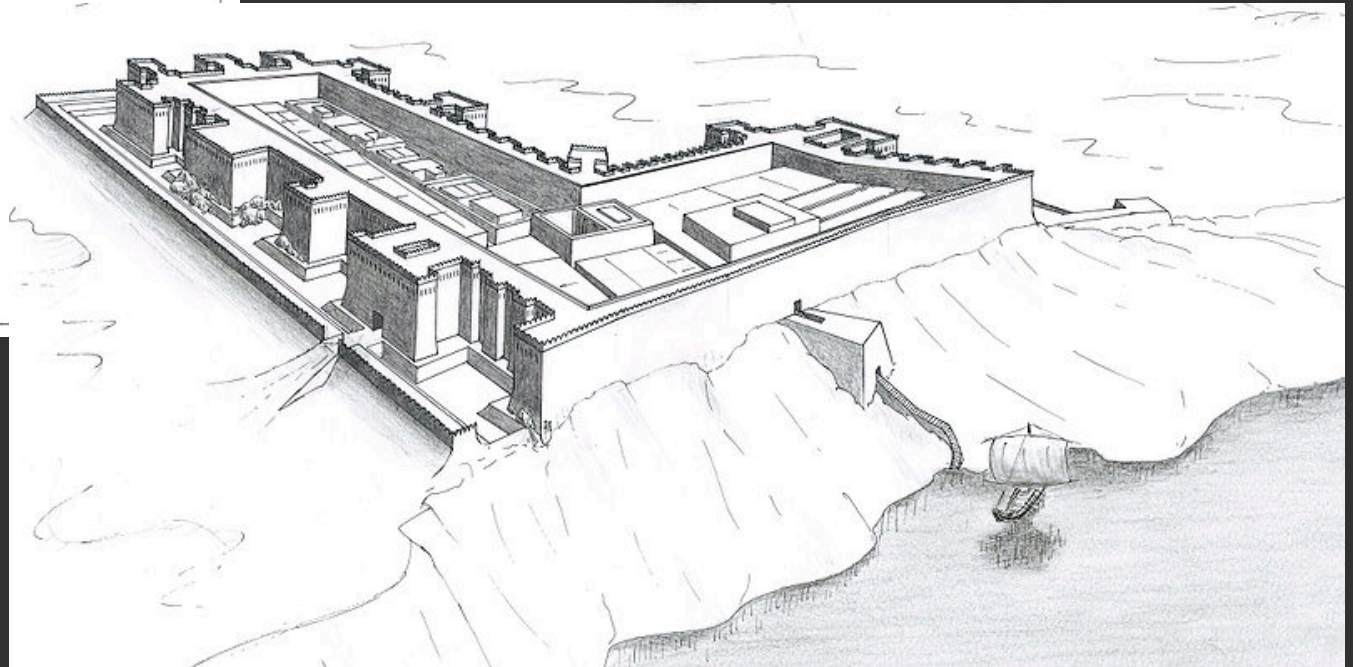
Year 8 under the majesty of the King of Upper and Lower Egypt, Khakaure, living forever. His majesty commanded to make the canal anew, the name of this canal being “Beautiful are the Ways of Khakaure Living Forever”, when his majesty proceeded up-river to overthrow Kush, the wretched. Length of this canal: 150 cubits; width: 20; depth: 15.

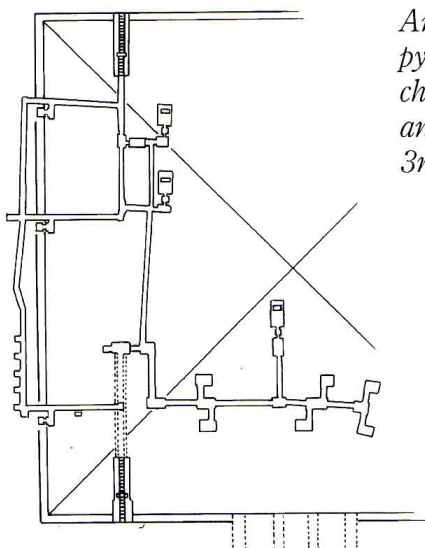
Elephantine Inscription

Year 9 third month of the third season under the majesty of the King of Upper and Lower Egypt, Khakaure beloved of Satet, mistress of Elephantine, living forever. Command of his majesty to the magnate of the south, Ameni, to make a doorway in the fortress of Elephantine, to make a building for the crown-possessions of the south...the...people in the region of Elephatine; when my lord, Iph, journeyed to overthrow the wretched Kush.

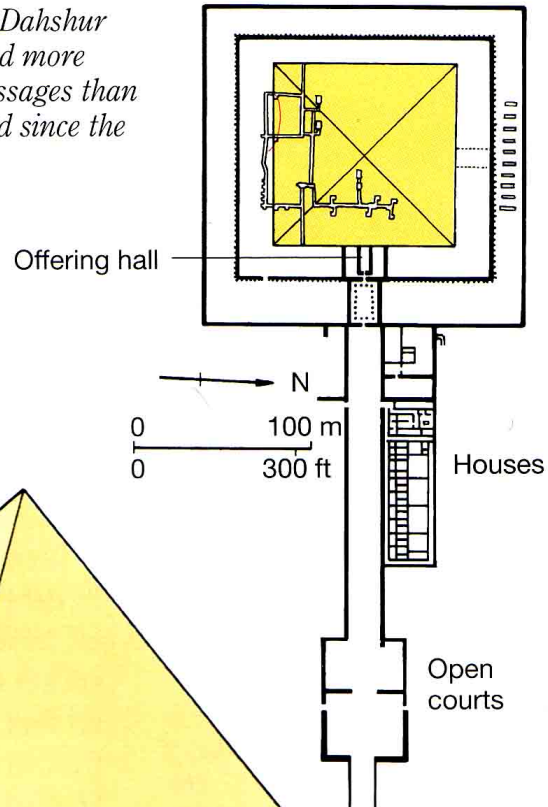


Map of the Second Cataract showing locations of fortresses of the Middle Kingdom;
reconstruction of Semna fortress (below)

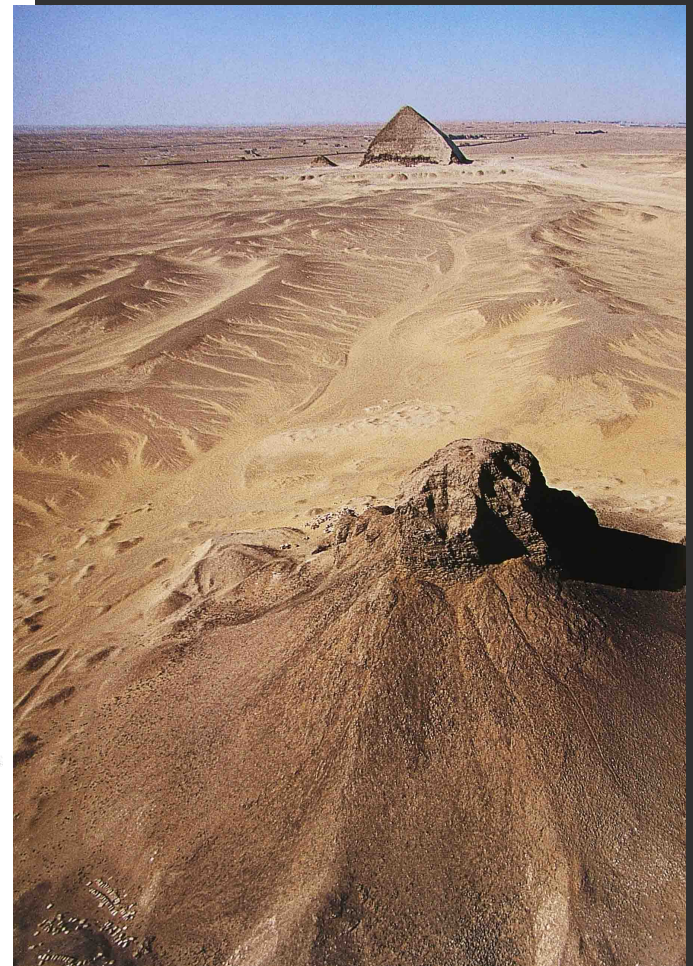
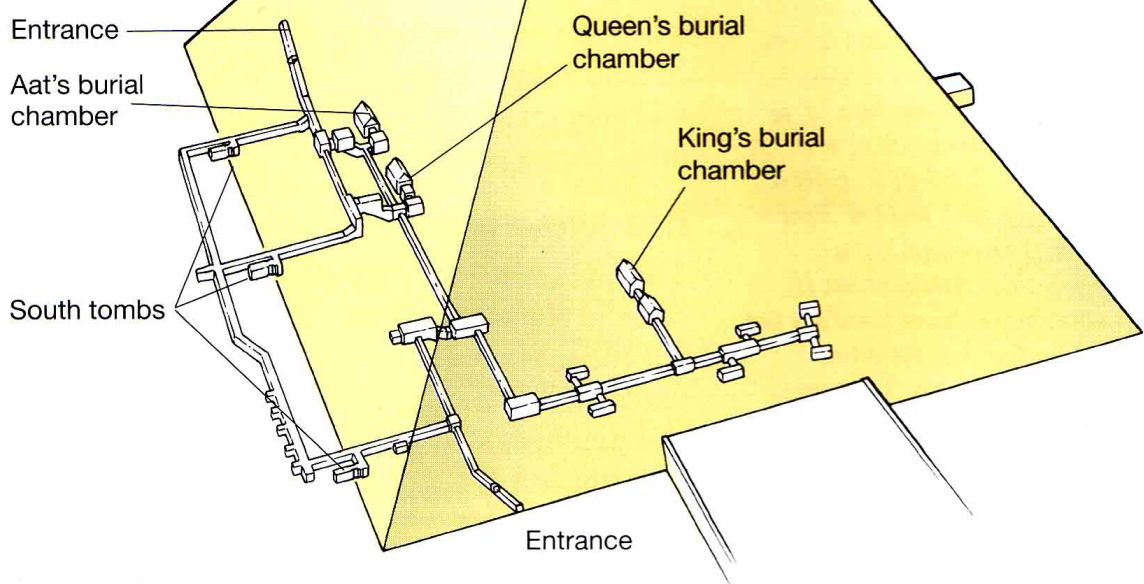




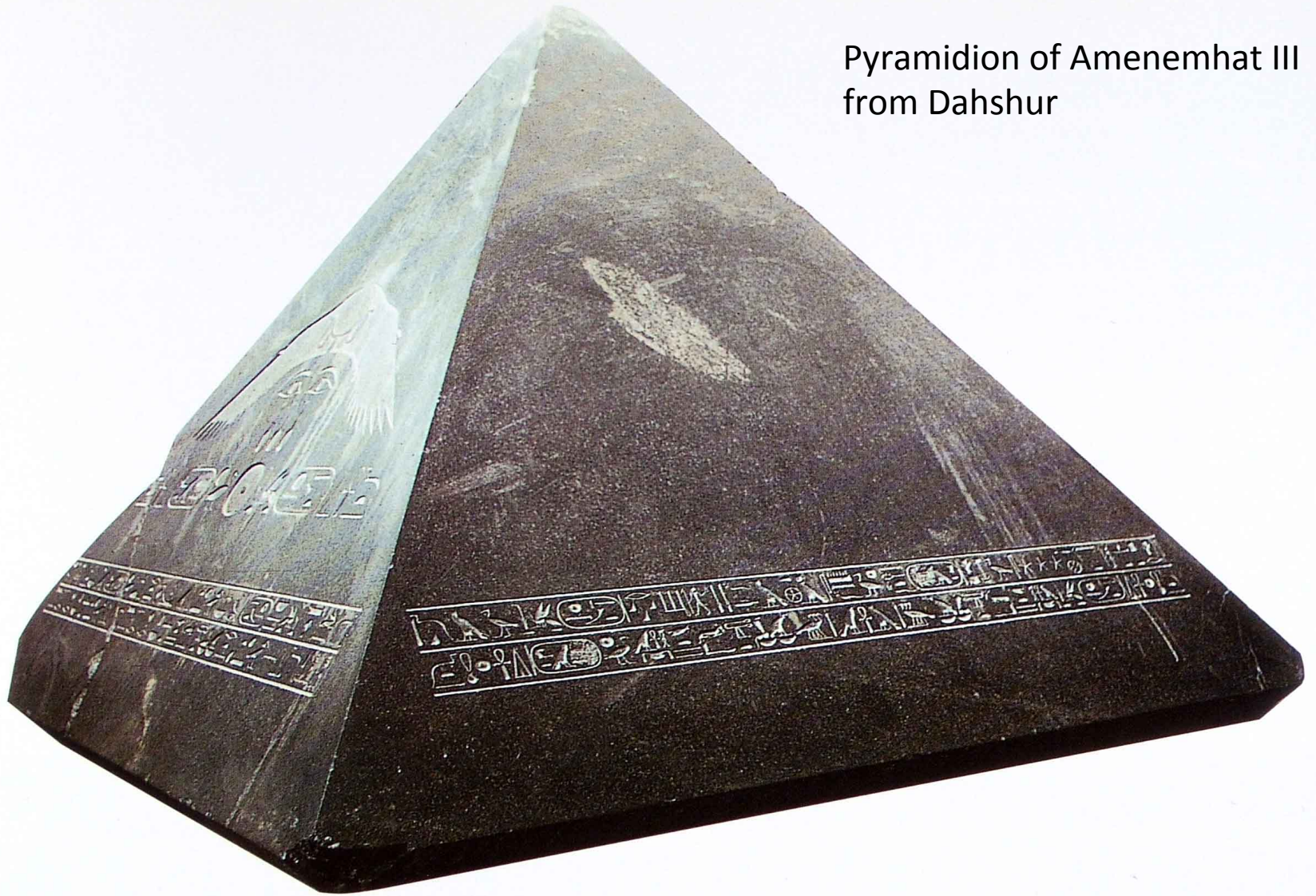
Amenemhet III's Dahshur pyramid contained more chambers and passages than any other pyramid since the 3rd dynasty.

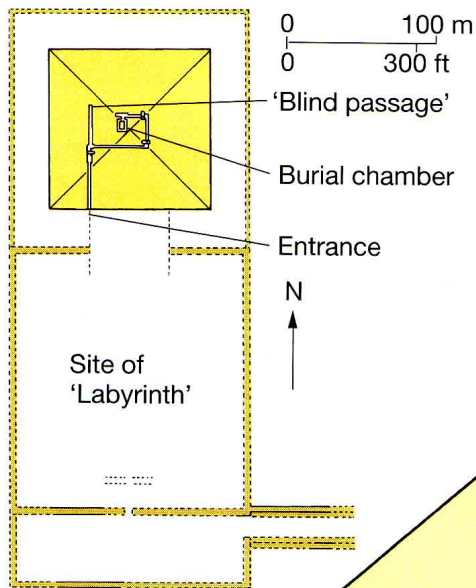


The pyramid, 'Amenemhet is Beautiful', had a base length of 105 m (344 ft), an angle of 57° 15' 50", and an estimated height of 75 m (246 ft).

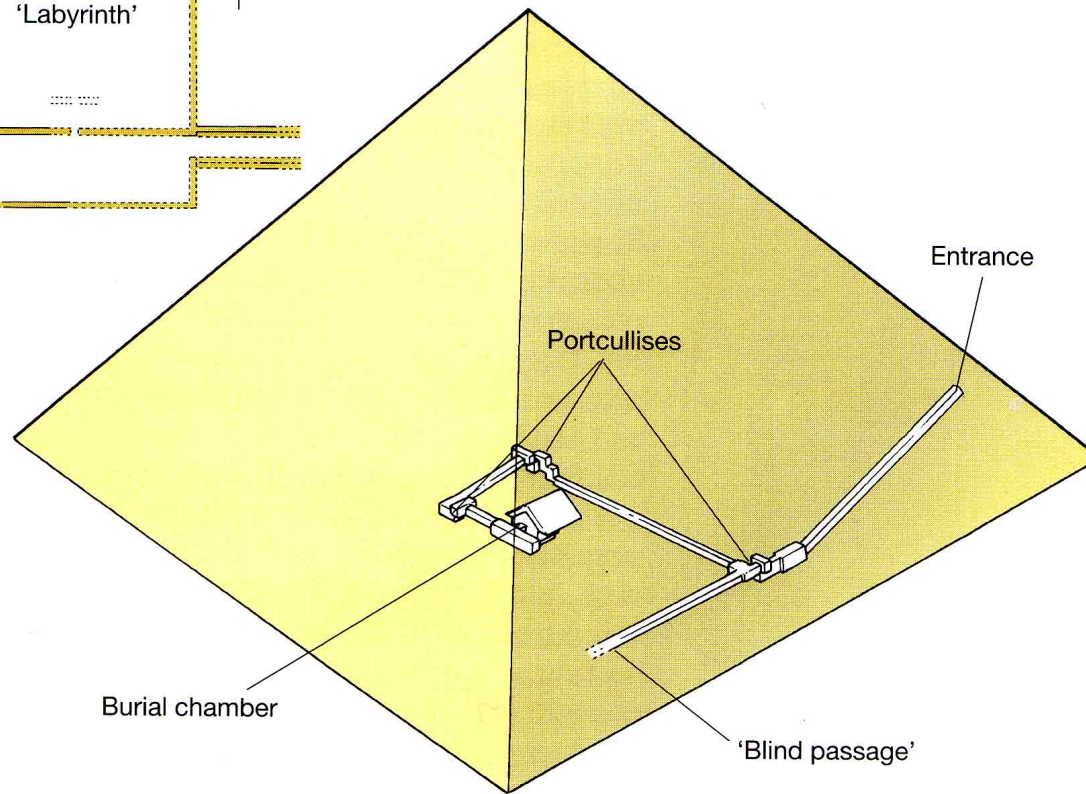


Pyramidion of Amenemhat III
from Dahshur

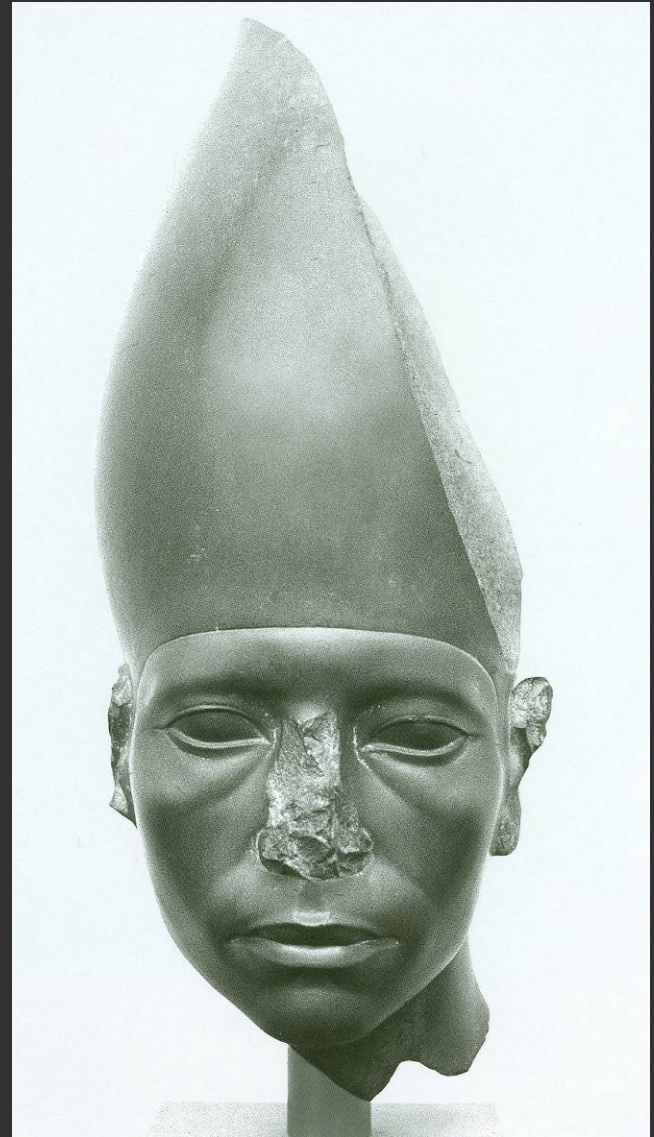




For his pyramid at Hawara, possibly called 'Amenemhet Lives' Amenemhet III chose the 'Djoser-style' complex, with a long rectangular north-south enclosure. The pyramid's base length was 105 m (344 ft). It rose about 58 m (190 ft) at an angle of $48^{\circ} 45'$.



Amenemhat III











Sobkneferu, last ruler of Dynasty XII

