The image shows a rectangular stone tablet, likely made of limestone, with a grid of hieroglyphs. The hieroglyphs are arranged in vertical columns, separated by thin lines. The tablet is surrounded by other fragments of similar material, suggesting it is part of a larger collection or a wall of text. The text is in Egyptian hieroglyphs, and the overall appearance is aged and weathered.

Kingship in the Early 18th Dynasty

Early New Kingdom Chronology

18th Dynasty:

Early 18th Dynasty

Ahmose-Hatshepsut/Thutmose III

reunification of Egypt, reconquest of Nubia, establishment of Asitatic Empire



Mid-18th Dynasty

Amenhotep II-Amenhotep III

peace, prosperity, monumental building projects in Egypt and Nubia



Amarna Period

Amenhotep IV/Akhenaten-Smenkhare

religious “revolution”, establishment of new political capital, shifting balance of power in Asia



Late 18th Dynasty/Post Amarna Period

Tutankhamun-Horemheb

return to religious orthodoxy, end of the 18th Dynasty royal family, reemphasis on militarism





How are kings and kingship defined in the early 18th Dynasty?

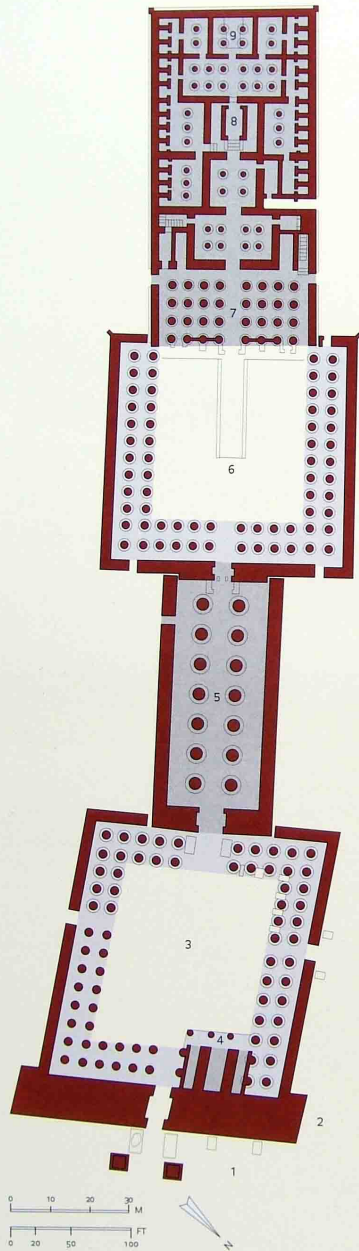


What is the military position of Egypt in the early 18th Dynasty?



Luxor Temple

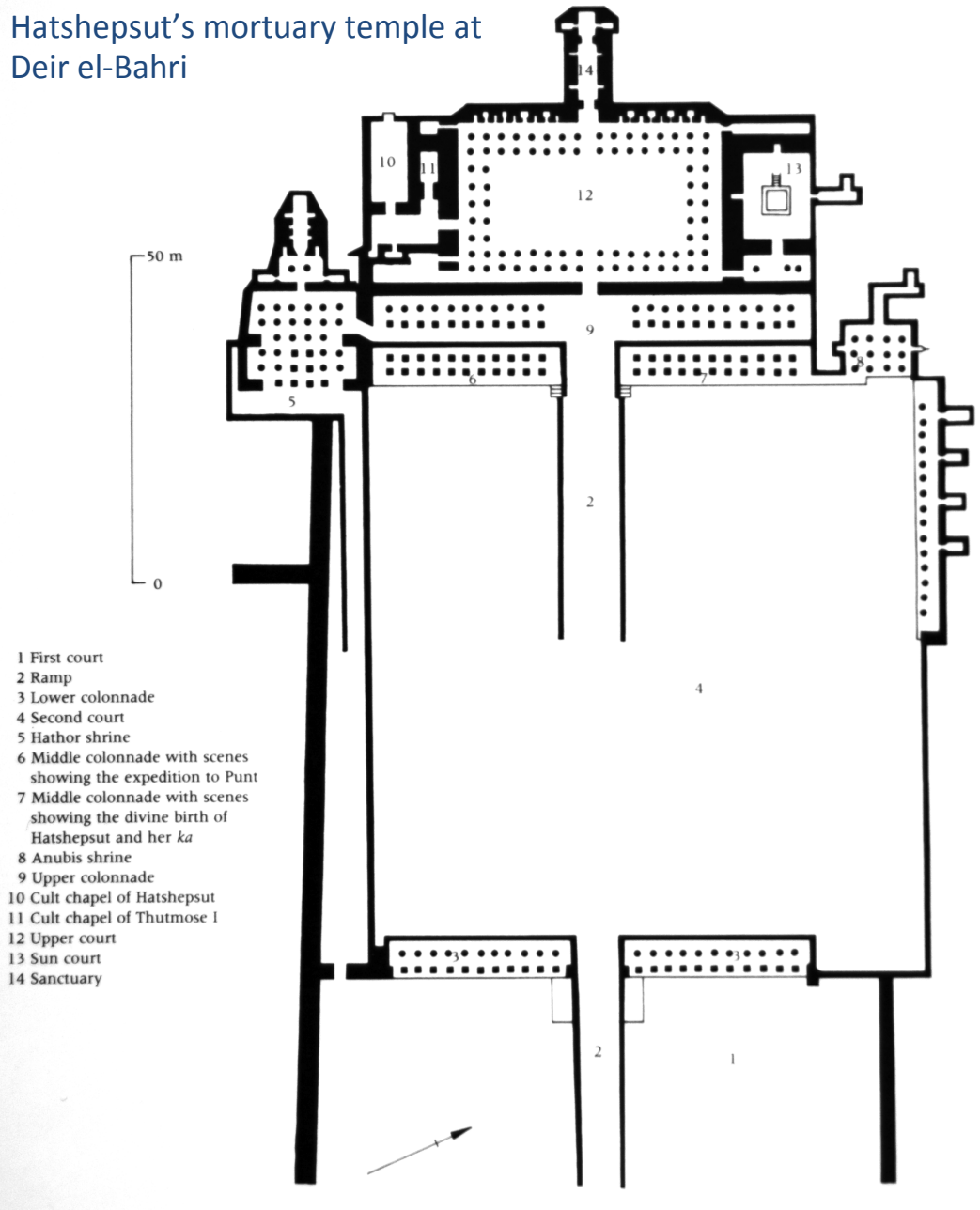
How are the gods accommodated in the early 18th Dynasty?



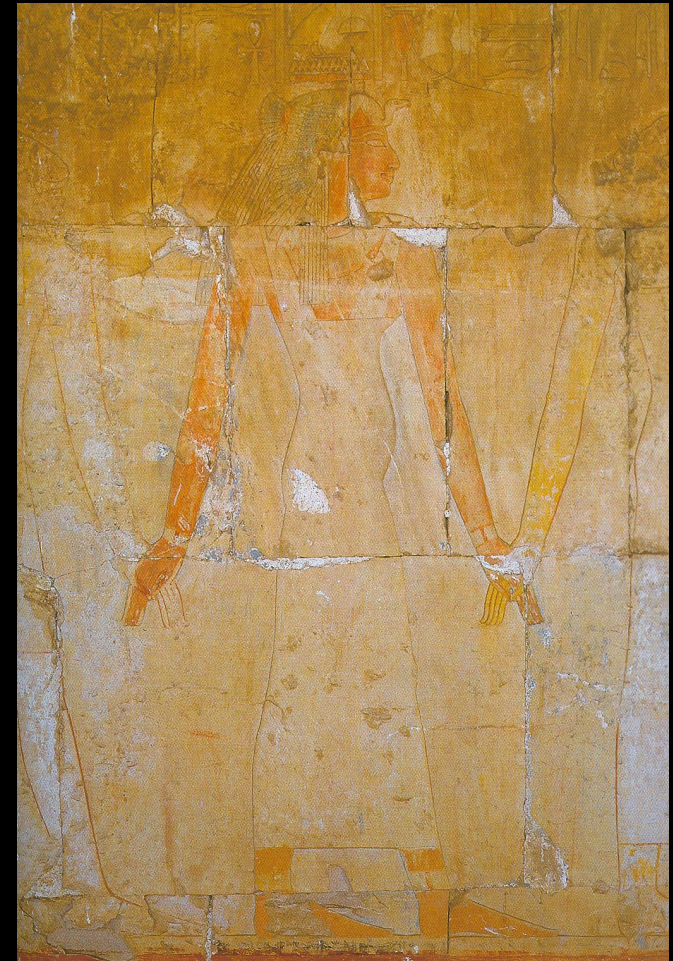
Karnak Temple

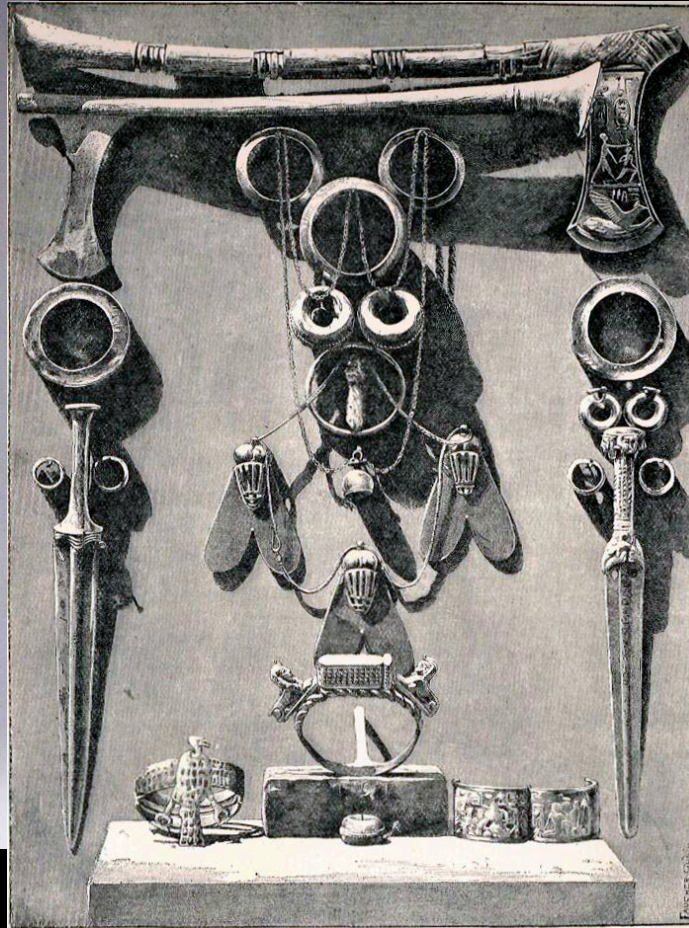
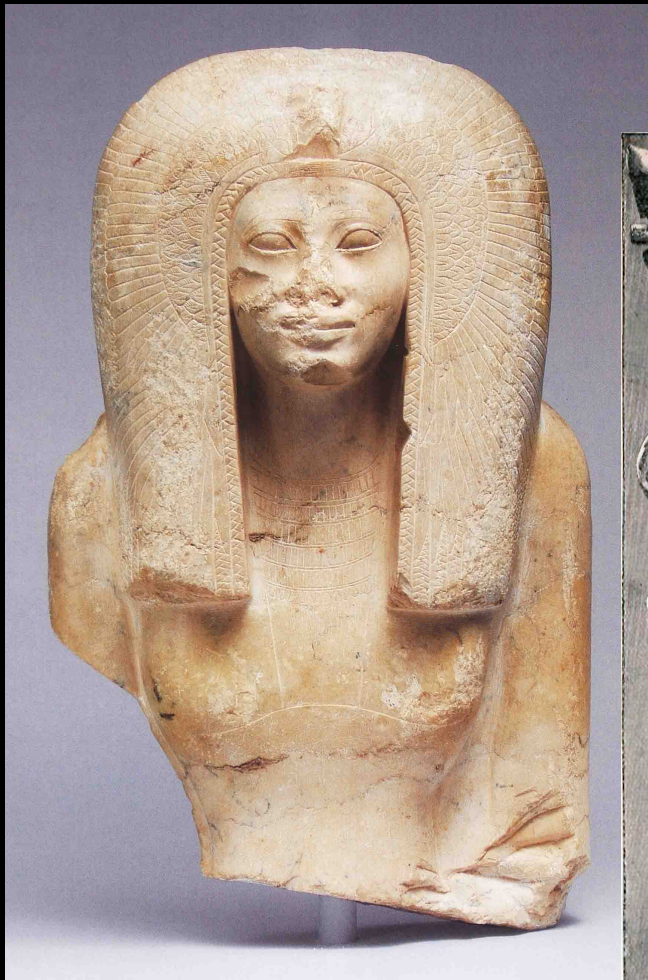


Hatshepsut's mortuary temple at Deir el-Bahri



What is the relationship between kingship and divinity in the early 18th Dynasty?





What roles do royal women play in the early 18th Dynasty?

Themes for studying 18th Dynasty:

Kingship: builder, warrior, connected to divine

Military: creation and maintenance of empire

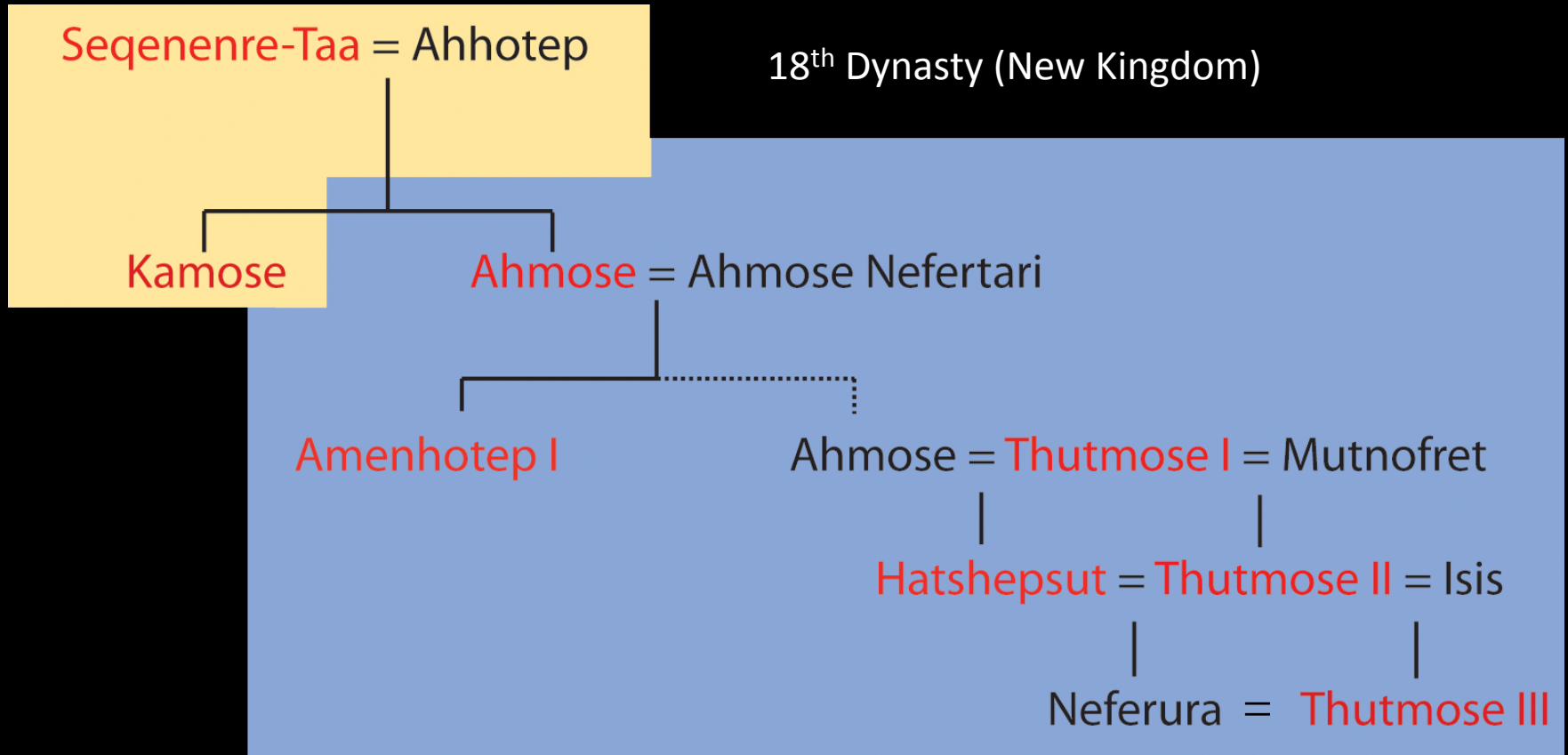
Religion: temples as major recipients of both the building impulse and the loot of war; become part and parcel of the refinement of the definition of kingship

Royal women: individual women, offices held by women

Non-royal part of the equation: government and the relations between bureaucrats and royalty; religious role of private individuals

Genealogy of the early 18th Dynasty

17th Dynasty (Second Intermediate Period)



More from Ahmose son of Abana from the reign of Ahmose

“Now when his majesty had slain the nomads of Asia, he sailed south to Khent-hen-nefer, to destroy the Nubian Bowmen. His majesty made a great slaughter among them, and I brought spoil from there: two living men and three hands. Then I was rewarded with gold once again, and two female slaves were given to me. His majesty journeyed north, his heart rejoicing in valour and victory. He had conquered southerners, northerners.

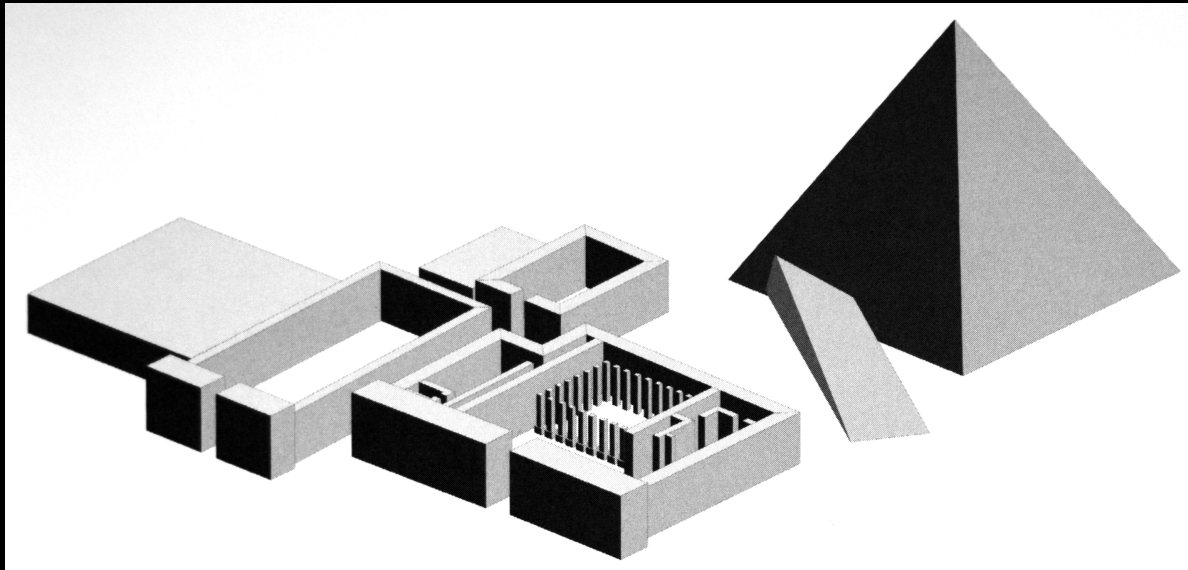
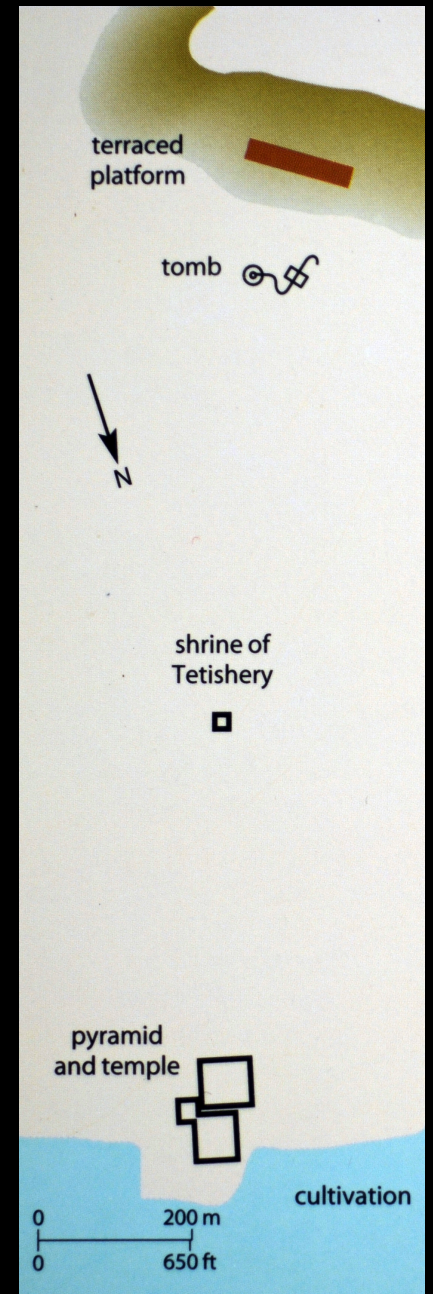
Then Aata came to the South. His fate brought on his doom. The gods of Upper Egypt grasped him. He was found by his majesty at Tent-taa. His majesty carried him off as a living captive, and all his people as booty. I brought two young warriors as captives from the ship of Aata. Then I was given five persons and portions of land amounting to five aurorae in my town. The same was done for the whole crew.

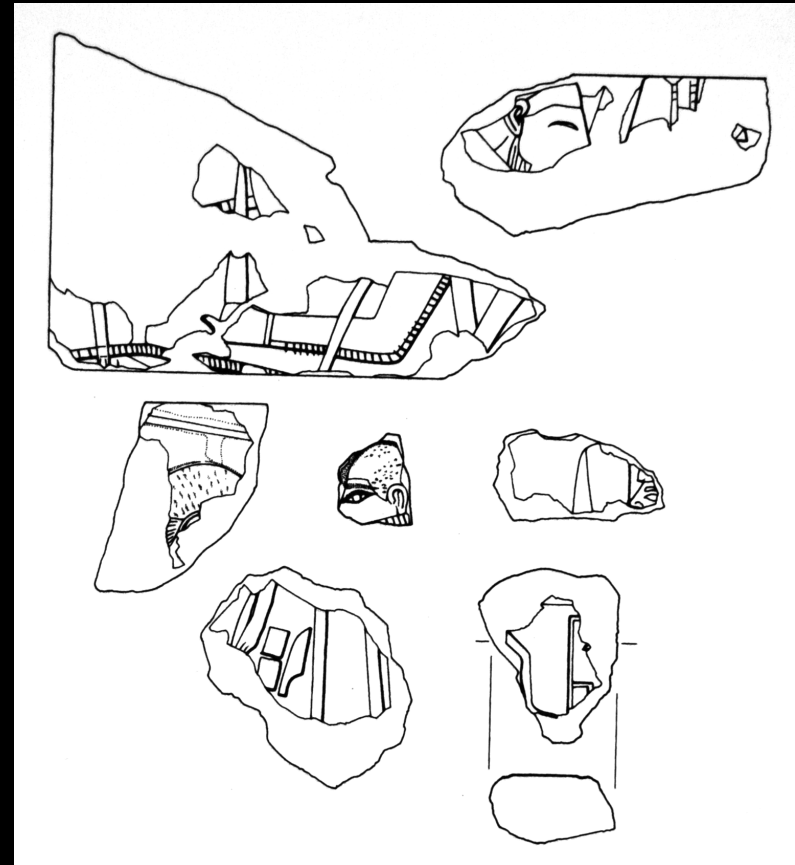
Then came that foe named Tetian. He had gathered the malcontents to himself. His majesty slew him; his troop was wiped out. Then I was given three persons and five aurorae of land in my town.”

Ahmoses at Abydos



Ahmose Pyramid complex at Abydos





Fragments of war-related reliefs
from Ahmose's mortuary temple
at Abydos

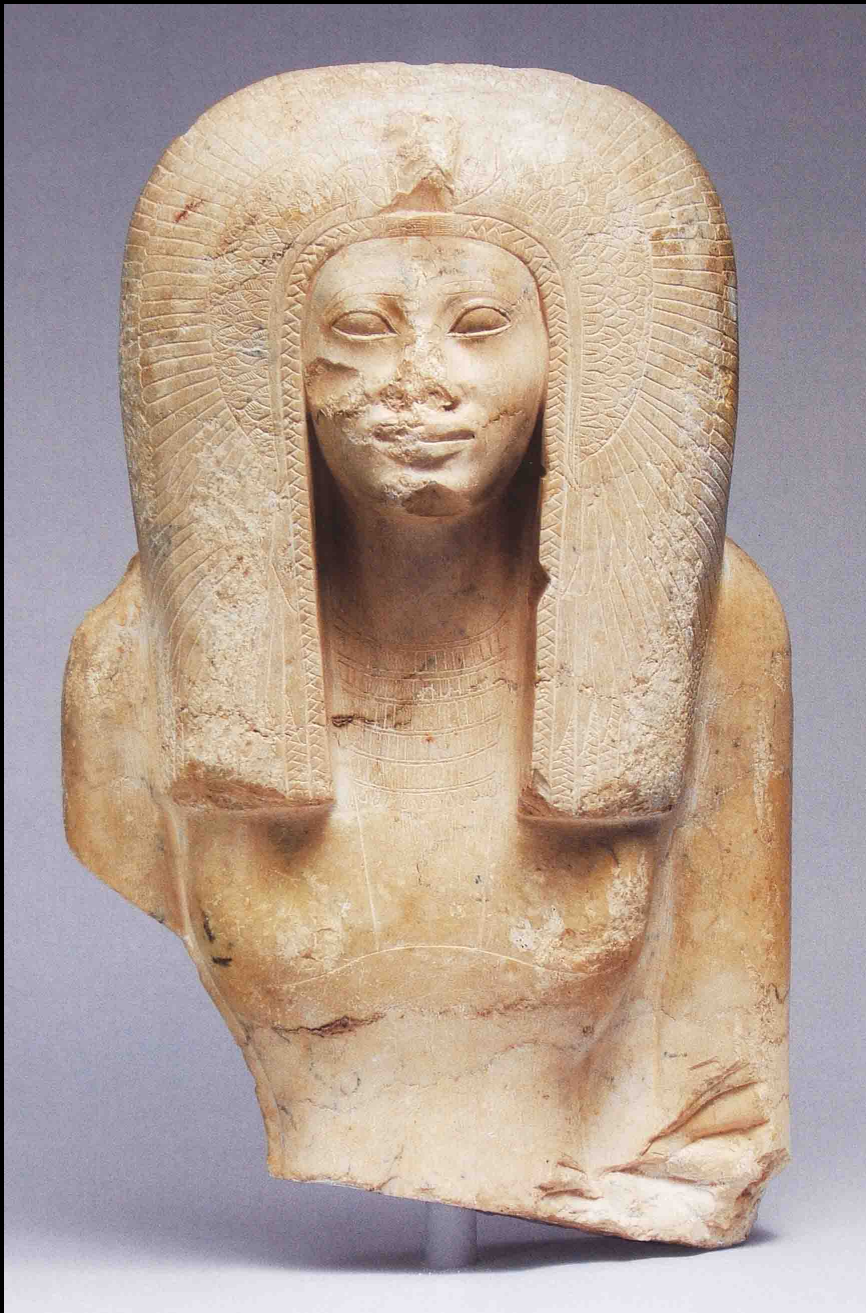
Royal women in Ahmose's reign: The ancestors



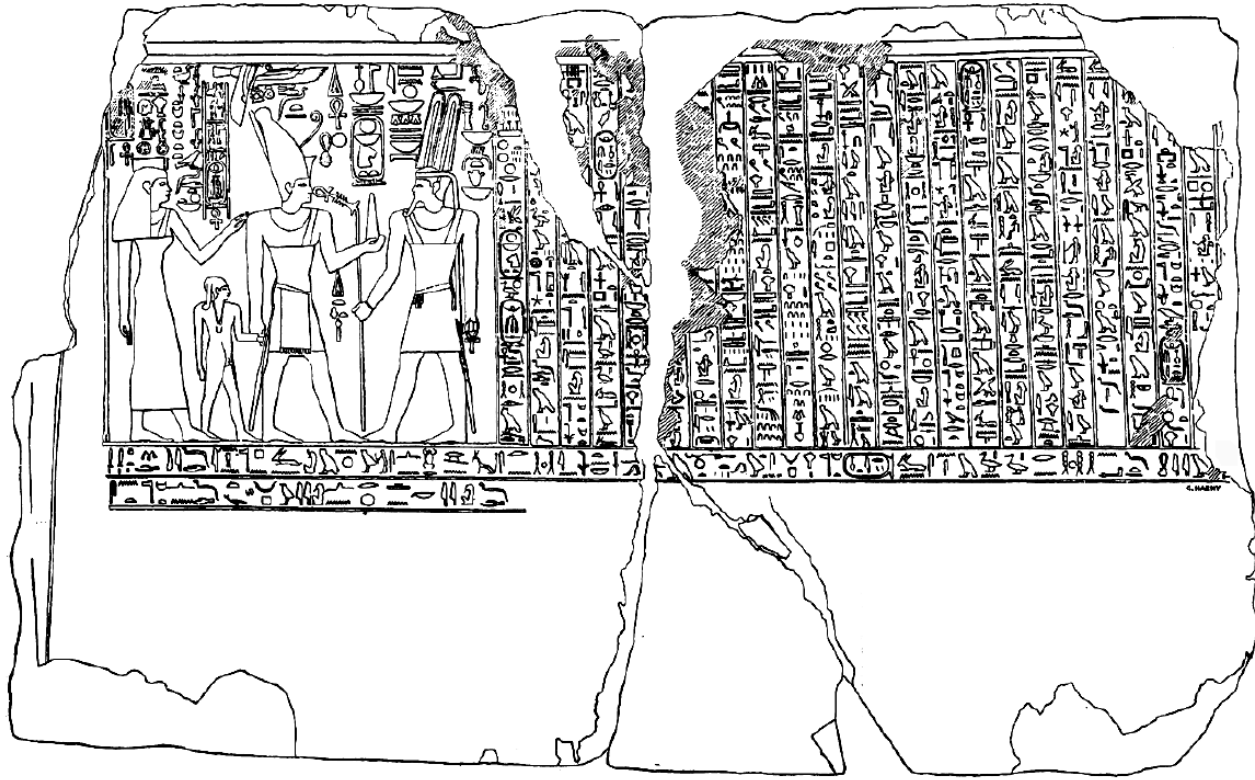
Burial of Ahhotep by
Ahmose (her son)



Stela for Tetisheri erected by Ahmose
(her grandson) at Abydos



Ahmose-Nefertari, wife of Ahmose
First "God's Wife of Amun"



Karnak Donation Stela

Epithets and titles of Amhose-Nefertari from the Donation Stela:

Second Priest of Amun

God's Wife of Amun

King's Daughter

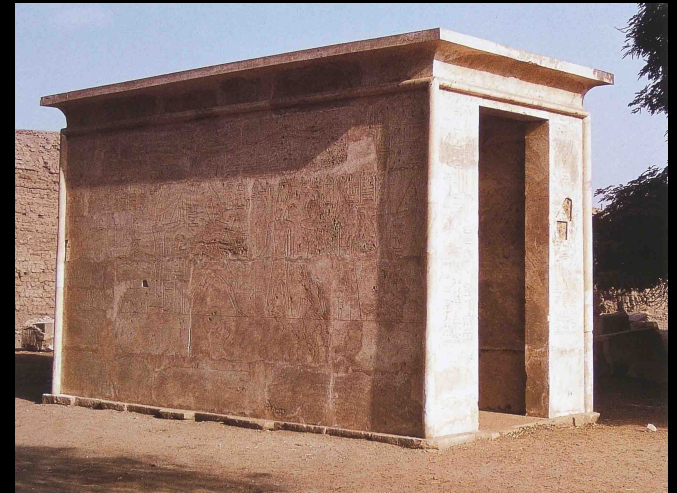
King's Sister

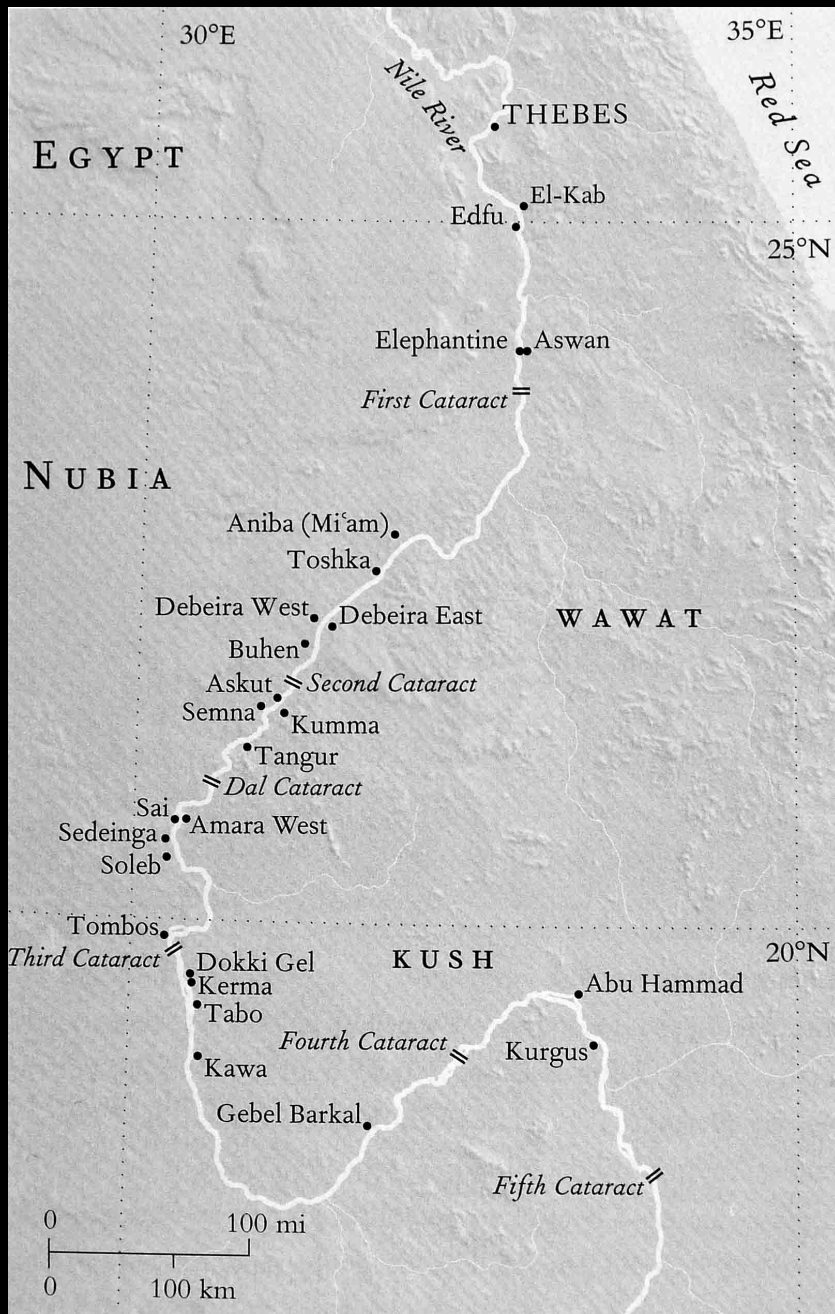
Great King's Wife

One who says everything she has done

Chief of Upper Egypt and Lower Egypt

Amenhotep I at Karnak





Amenhotep I statue from Sai Island



Further excerpt from Ahmose son of Ibana:

Then I conveyed King Djeserkare (Amenhotep I), the justified, when he sailed south to Kush, to enlarge the borders of Egypt. His majesty smote that Nubian Bowman in the midst of his army. They were carried off in fetters, none missing, the fleeing destroyed as if they had never been. Now I was in the van of our troops and I fought really well. His majesty saw my valor. I carried off two hands and presented them to his majesty. Then his people and his cattle were pursued, and I carried off a living captive and presented him to his majesty. I brought his majesty back to Egypt in two days from 'Upper Well', and was rewarded with gold. I brought back two female slaves as booty, apart from those that I had presented to his majesty. Then they made me a Warrior of the Ruler.