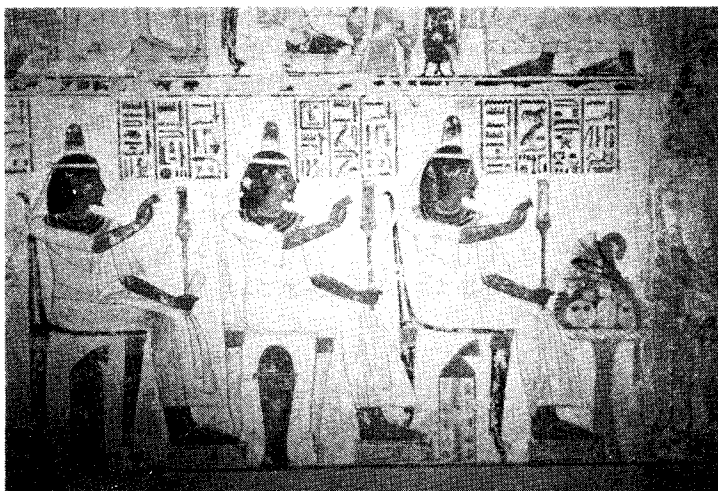


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The Brothers of Amenemope

The work begun in 1991 on the Tomb of Amenemope at Thebes (see Newsletter No. 41 of July 1992 for details of the tomb and its owner) was continued from Dec. 1 to Jan. 13 by a team of six from Macquarie (Dr B. Ockinga, Mrs J. Brophy, Mrs G. Callaghan, Miss R. Luhrs, Miss C. Chemello, Miss J. Harrison). The season was a very productive one; thanks to the possibility of living only a short walk away from the site, and to the cooperation of our representative from the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation, Mr Magdy El-Badri, it was possible to extend the time spent working on site by two hours each day which meant that progress was faster.

A start was made on the conservation of the walls of the Broad Hall and the work has reached the stage where it will be possible to begin recording the scenes and inscriptions next season.

Very good progress was made on the excavation of the burial passages and chambers; the main south passage and its six chambers have now been completed and a start was made on the north passage.

Because the tomb had been so thoroughly ransacked in the past, only the most fragmentary of finds were recovered but these include a number of ushabti fragments (both overseers and workers) of Amenemope's father,

Tjanefer, as well as a fragment of wood inlaid with coloured paste hieroglyphs giving the name of Tjanefer. The appearance of all this material of Tjanefers makes one wonder whether his burial may not have been transferred to the tomb of Amenemope after Tjanefer's own tomb was ransacked, an event recorded in one of the tomb robbery papyri as having taken place in year 16 of the reign of Ramesses IX.

A less ancient but interesting find that came to light under the rubble covering the floor of the main burial chamber was a scrap from the 6 November 1916 edition of *The Times* which includes a report on a naval strike in Australia!

Deshasha

A very fruitful season of six weeks (January and the first half of February) was spent by the Macquarie team at the site of Deshasha (see Newsletter No. 40 of April 1992). The project was directed by Professor Naguib Kanawati and Dr Ann McFarlane. Mrs Gael Callaghan, assisted by Miss Robyn Luhrs were responsible for restoration/preservation. Two students joined the team, Mrs Susanne Eiszele-Evans and Miss Karma Gabara. Work progressed on two spurs of the mountain. On spur No. 7 where the tomb of Inty was cleared and recorded last year, the restoration team made a remarkable effort to preserve all the scenes and inscriptions in this important tomb. Spur No.4 was excavated and the decorated tomb of Shedu was fully cleared and its architectural features, scenes and inscriptions were recorded.

Soundings were undertaken at various selected areas and it is now believed that no further excavations at Deshasha are required, although the site will need one or two further seasons of preservation work.

As Deshasha is situated in Middle Egypt, the area of most unrest at present, no chances were taken for the safety of the team. Security was very tight and a very strong police presence was kept around the accommodation, on site and en route.

Lecture by Dr Colin Hope - Monash University

Dr Colin Hope will give a public lecture at Macquarie University on FRIDAY 30 April, 1993 at 8.15 pm in W5A T2. The lecture covers site work for 1993 and is entitled:

"Excavations at Ismant el-Kharab"

Courses by our Distinguished Visitor, Professor Harry Smith

As members are aware, Professor Harry Smith of University College London, will be at Macquarie University as a distinguished Visiting Fellow of the University during August and September, 1993.

Professor Smith has excavated extensively at Saqqara, Memphis and Nubia and has kindly agreed to offer the following two evening Courses to our members, dates and venue to be announced:

- No. 1: An 8 weeks Course, "*The History and Archaeology of Nubia and its Relations with Egypt*".

The Course will consider topics such as the Egyptian fortresses, relationships during the Hyksos period, the Abu Simbel Temples, trade, gold mining, etc.
Cost: \$70 (members \$65).

- No. 2: A 6 weeks Course, "*Egypt & Nubia: Evidence from Inscriptions*".

This Course is a back-up reading Course for Course No. 1. The English translations of the text will be supplied in Xerox copies and will be discussed in class. In addition, certain important passages will be read in hieroglyphs and commented upon. Cost: \$50. (members \$45).

Professor Smith is the top specialist on the subject and immediate booking is necessary.

Courses Planned for 1993

"*From Womb to Tomb*" (Mrs Gael Callaghan). The 8 weeks Course will commence on WEDNESDAY 4 AUGUST, from 7-9 pm.
Cost: \$70 (members \$65).

"*New Slants in New Kingdom Egyptian History*" (Mrs Gae Callender). The 8 weeks Course will commence on TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER from 7-9 pm.
Cost: \$70 (members \$65).

Brigham Young University, Utah, joins the Macquarie Mummy Project

Professor C.W. Griggs, Professor of Ancient Studies at Brigham Young University and a medical team from the same University joined the Macquarie team in January 1993 for further examination of the mummies discovered at El-Hagarsa. Brigham Young University is leading in the field of DNA and is using new techniques which can only enrich our results. Professor Griggs will be visiting Macquarie during July, 1993 and his visit will be announced in our next Newsletter.

Tour of Crete, Rhodes and Southern Turkey

The 32-day tour will depart Sydney on MONDAY 4 OCTOBER, 1993. A minimum of 16 persons is required and the Itinerary is available from Joan Beck. The cost is \$6,000 (subject to rise in airfares). A \$500 **non-refundable** deposit must be paid by FRIDAY 28 MAY, 1993.

A.C.E. Study Tour of Syria & Jordan - Dec. 1993/Jan. 1994

A 20-day Study Tour of Syria and Jordan will be led by Mrs Esther Kilkelly, with Dr Alan Walmsley as Lecturer. The cost is \$5,800 (subject to rise in airfares). A \$500 **non-refundable** deposit is required by MONDAY, 28 JUNE, 1993. Dr Walmsley will give an 8 weeks Course on Syria and Jordan, dates to be announced in the next Newsletter.

A.C.E. Detailed Study Tour of Cairo, Luxor & Aswan January, 1994

Dr Boyo Ockinga will be Lecturer on this detailed Study Tour of sites in Cairo, Luxor and Aswan in January, 1994. The cost is \$6,000 (subject to rise in airfares).

CONFERENCE - 8-13 July, 1993 Ancient History in a Modern University

Among the many speakers will be Professor Kanawati, Dr Boyo Ockinga, Professor Harry Smith (University College London), Professor C.W. Griggs (Brigham Young University), Dr M.M. Bakos (Brazil) and other Egyptologists. Enquiries: Mrs Pat Geidans, School of History, Philosophy & Politics, Macquarie University - 805 7512.

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