

**Funerary Cones Discovered at
Draa Abou El.Naga**

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Abstract:

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1. Introduction:

The Egyptian Mission has been working At north Draa Abou El.Naga since 1st March 2017, at the rock-cut tombs (-157-, -150-, -390-, -161-) [fig. 1] these tombs which numbered by Kampp, F.¹ located at the north part of Draa Abou El.Naga necropolis surrounding the tomb TT255.

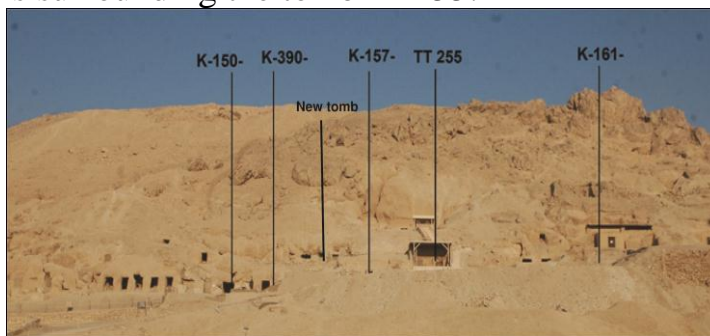


Fig.(1) the site of Egyptian Mission

During the work on the court and the transverse hall of the tombs -150- and -390- the mission discover a group of funerary cones for some officials at Theban necropolis, a total of 123 cones were unearthed, most of them in fragmentary state, but the owner could be identified.

Funerary cones were made from burned clay in cone-shaped and inserted as a frieze with circular face above the doors of Theban tombs².

About its functions the scholars have made numerous attempts to determine it, they thinking that it was used as a stamp, symbolic bread, symbolic meat, symbolic sun, visitors cards, architectural ornaments³.

¹ Kampp(1996).

² Manniche, (2001), p.565

³ Zenihiro,(2009), p.22

In my opinion it was a means to identification of the owner of the tomb because it was inscribed with his name and his titles.

2. Description of the cones:

2-1. The cones of "Maaty"(tomb undiscovered): [fig. 2]

115 funerary cones for the scribe "Maaty" were unearthed on different places most of them are in fragmentary state, all of them has the same form of no. 503 in Davies & Macadam catalogue ⁴, its description and location as following:

Exc. No.	Quantity	Site	Condition
189	16	Court tomb -150-	Complete cones
190	63	Court tomb -150-	fragments
196	21	Transverse hall Tomb -150-	Almost complete
232	15	Court new tomb without official number	fragments

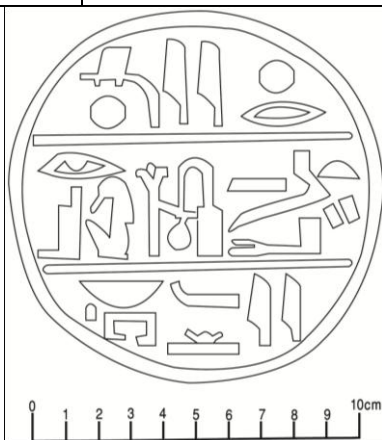


Fig.(2) funerary cone of "Maaty"

2-1-1. The text:

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im3hy hr, wsir sš m3ty, nbt pr hwy

⁴ Davies, and Macadam,(1957), No.503

"Revered one before Osiris, scribe "Maaty", mistress of the house "Huy"⁵.

2-2. The cones of "Neb-Amun" owner of tomb TT146: [figs. 3,4,5]

3 fragments of cones for "Neb-Amun" were unearthed, all of them has the same form of no. 66 in Davies & Macadam catalogue, its description and location as following:

Exc. No.	Quantity	Site	Orientation
204-1	1	Court tomb -150-	Diam. 7cm H 19cm
204-2	1	Court tomb -150-	Diam. 8cm H 15cm
204-3	1	The Hall Tomb - 390-	Diam. 7cm H 10cm

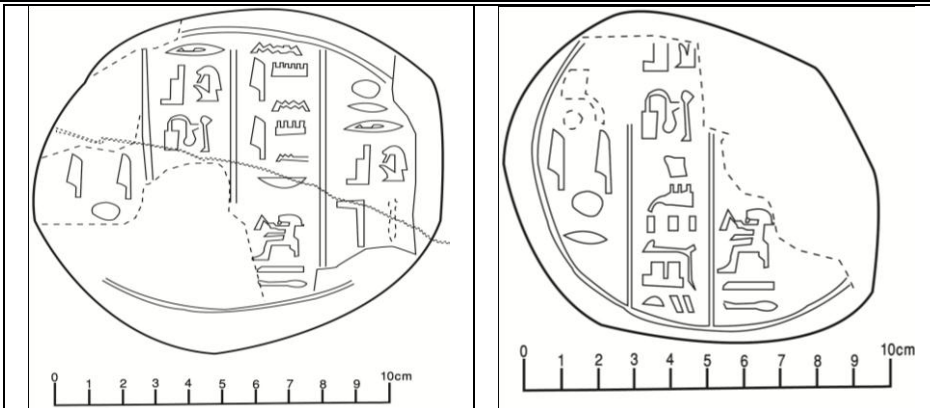


fig.(4) cone No. 204-2

Fig.(3) cone No. 204-1

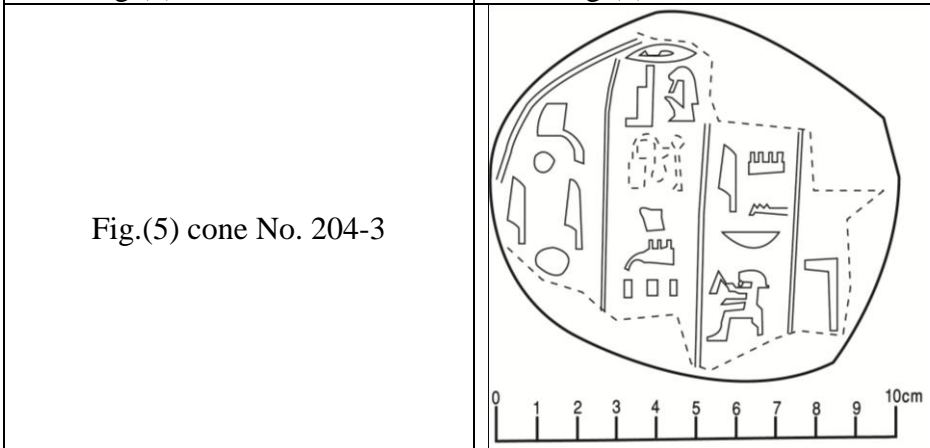
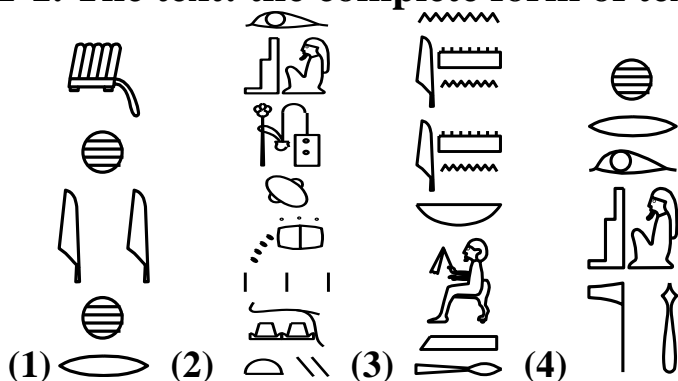


Fig.(5) cone No. 204-3

⁵ Zenihiro, (2009), p.198

2-2-1. The text: the complete form of text

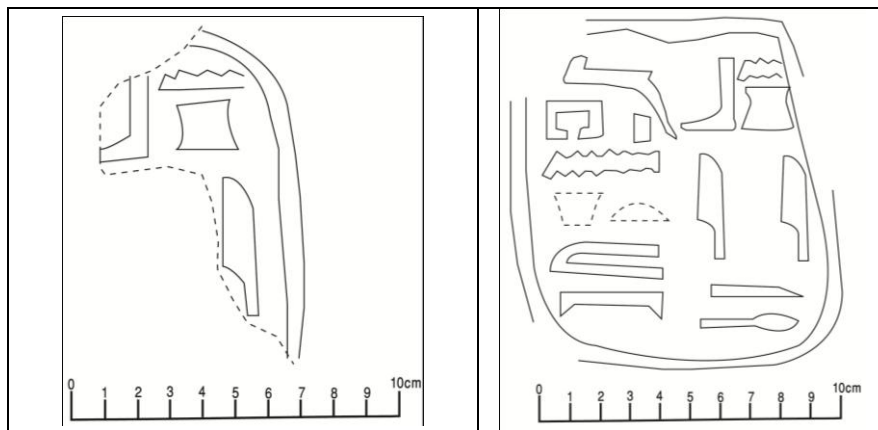


im3hy hr, wsir sš ḥsb it imy-r šnwty, n imn nb-imn, hr wsir ntr 3
 "Revered one before Osiris, counter of grain, overseer of double granary of "Amun" "Neb-Amun", justified before Osiris the great God" ⁶.

2-3. The cones of "Bengy"(tomb undiscovered): [figs. 6-7]

2 fragments of cones for "Bengy" were unearthed, both of them has the same form of no. 260 in Davies & Macadam catalogue, its description and location as following:

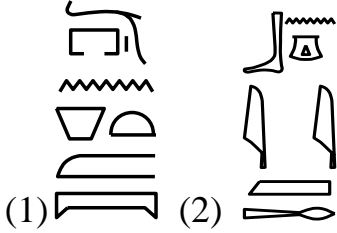
Exc. No.	Quantity	Site	Orientation
201-1	1	The Hall Tomb -390-	Diam. 8cm H 8.50cm
202-2	1	The Hall Tomb -390-	H 17.50cm



⁶ Zenihiro,(2009), p.68

fig.(7) cone No. 201-2	fig.(6) cone No. 201-1
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2-3-1. The text: the complete form of text



imy-r pr n hnwt-m-pt, bngy m3^c-hrw
 " steward of "Henut-em-pet"⁷ , "Bengy" justified" ⁸.

2-4. The cone of "Ruru"(tomb undiscovered): [fig. 8]

One fragment of cone for "Ruru" was unearthed, its no. 158 in Davies & Macadam catalogue, this fragment found at the court of tomb -150-, its orientation is (Diam. 8cm, H 17cm). and its Exc. No.202.

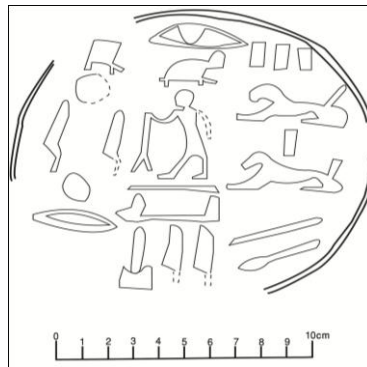
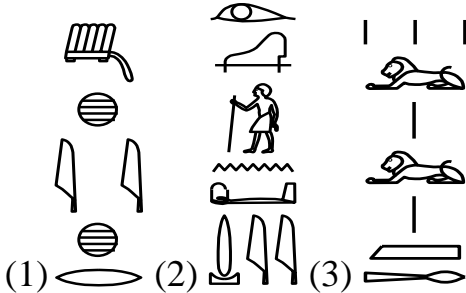


Fig.(8) cone No.202

2-4-1. The text:



im3hy hr wsir wr n md3yw⁹ rrrw m3^c-hrw

⁷ Ranke,(1935), p.243(7)

⁸ Zenihiro,(2009), p.125-126

⁹ Taylor,(2001), p.102 (931)

" Revered one before , Osiris chief of Mejday, Ruru justified"¹⁰.

2-5. The cone of "Ptah-mes"(tomb undiscovered): [fig. 9]

One fragment of cone for "Ptah-mes" was unearthed, its no. 146 in Davies & Macadam catalogue, this fragment found at the court of tomb -150-, its orientation is (Diam. 7.50cm, H 10.50cm). and its Exc. No.203.

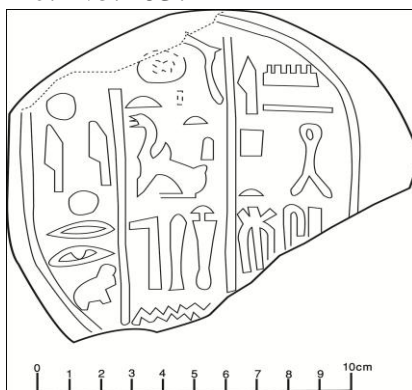


Fig.(9) cone No.203

2-5-1. The text: the complete form of text



im3hy hr wsir, imy-r niwt t3ty hm ntr tpy n, imn pth-ms m3c-hrw

" Revered one before Osiris, overseer of the town, vizier, first prophet (high preast)¹¹ of Amun, Ptah-mes, justified"¹².

2-6. The cone of "Neb-An-sw"(probably owner of tomb K-143-)¹³: [fig. 10]

One fragment of cone for "Neb-An-sw" was unearthed, its no. 214 in Davies & Macadam catalogue, this fragment found at

¹⁰ Zenihiro, (2009), p.96

¹¹ Taylor, (2001), p.151 (1478)

¹² Zenihiro, (2009), p.93

¹³ Zenihiro, (2009), p.112

the court of tomb -150-, its orientation is (Diam. 7cm, H 15.50cm). and its Exc. No.205.

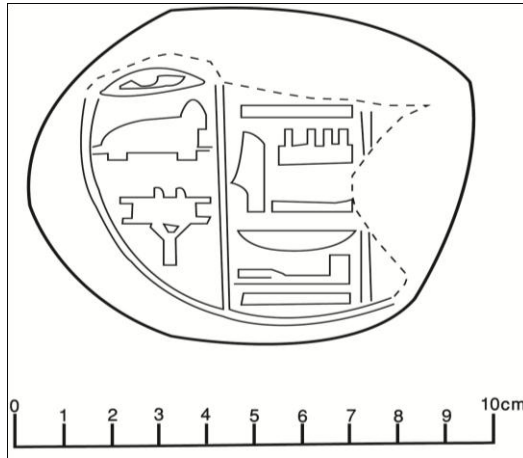
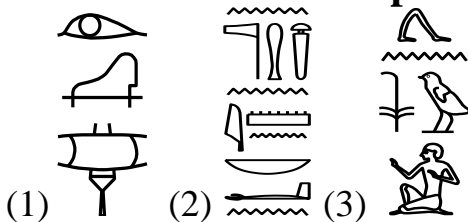


Fig.(10) cone No.205

2-6-1. The text: the complete form of text



Wsir nfw, n hm ntr tpy n imn nb-^cn-sw¹⁴

" Osiris, sailor of the first prophet of Amun, Neb-an-sw"¹⁵

3. Abbreviations:

Davies, and Macadam(1959)	Davies, G.; Macadam, M., A corpus of Inscribed Egyptian Funerary cones, Oxford, 1957.
Kampp(1996)	Kampp, F., Die Thebanische Nekropole. Zum Wandel des Grabgedankens von der XVIII. bis zur XX. Dynastie, 2 vols. Mainz, 1996.
Manniche(2001)	Manniche, L., "Funerary cones" in : The Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt, 2001.
Ranke(1935)	Ranke, Die Agyptischen Personennamen, 1935.
Taylor(2001)	Taylor, J: An index of male non-royal titles , London, 2001.
Zenihiro(2009)	Zenihiro, K., The Complete Funerary Cones, 2009.

¹⁴ Ranke, (1935), p.183(25)

¹⁵ Zenihiro, (2009), p.112