# The Stela of Huy No. 197 in Al-Salam School Museum at Asyut

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Abstract: Publication of the Stela of Huy, kept in Al-Salam Secondary School Museum (Formerly the American Colege) at Assyut; its inventory number is '٩°. The stela is divided into three sections and has a round-topped upper part with representation of the gods Osiris, Isis, Anubis, Wepwawt as a son of Isis and heir of Osiris, and his female counterpart Hathor, as a Lady of Medjed, and Lady of the sky respectively. A middle part is dominated by the owner of the stela and his family, and a lower part presents <sup>V</sup> lines of inscriptions. Its original provenance is unknown, but it probably was unearthed at one of the provincial cemeteries of Assyut (Lycopolis, the capital of XIII nome of upper Egypt.The stela of Huy can be dated to the end of dynasty XVIII or the Ramesside period.

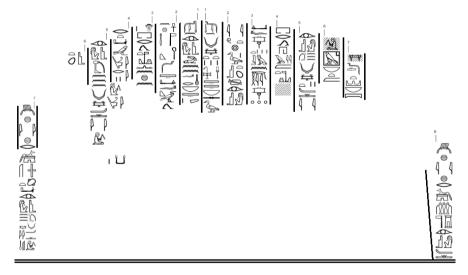
## Introduction<sup>(')</sup>

The stela of Huy<sup>(Y)</sup> is of conventional form, carved on one side only, made of limestone. It was prepared with incised borderlines, and it measures <sup>9</sup> · cm. high, <sup>TY</sup> cm. wide, and <sup>TY</sup> cm thick. The rounded top shows a flat curve, which is clearly separated from the lower part by distinctive corners at the transition of both sides. The whole field of the stela is divided into three registers. The top .....curve is slightly damaged. The inscribed surfaces of the first and third registers are well preserved, but the second one is badly damaged, the worn of surface posing many difficulties for the interpretation of some passages of the texts as well (Pls. <sup>1</sup>, <sup>Y</sup>). It has a blank area at the bottom. Which may be to plant it in the ground as freestanding stela; also the irregular form of the back suggests it was intended to be inserted into a niche. It is composed at three registers,

consisting (a) of a round-topped upper part with the representation of Osiris, Isis, Anubis, facing right; on the opposite side, Wepwawt and Hathor Medjed are shown facing left; (b) A middle part with Huy, his wife, his sons, and daughters; (c) a lower part with V lines of inscriptions. The scenes and inscriptions of our stela are carelessly executed in sunk relief.

## The upper part of the stela (pl. 1)

The round-topped upper portion contains a relief scene with 'o lines of inscription, written in vertical columns:



Osiris, Isis and Anubis are shown on the left side. The figure of the god Osiris is represented sitting on a chair. He wears the 3tf crown<sup>( $\tau$ )</sup> and the false beard. He is wrapped in a tight-fitting garment like a mummy. There are a few traces of semi-circular line above his hand grip; maybe he wears the wsh collar. His arms are bent across his breast with the two hands facing each other. In his right hand he holds the nhh3 flagellum, and in his left he holds the hk3-scepter. Osiris facing a badly damaged offering-table.

The inscription above the head of Osiris reads (1.\-\circ\) on the left hand):

 $\leftarrow \downarrow$ (\)  $\underline{d}d$  mdw in Wsir wnn-nfr nb t3(wy)

( $^{\uparrow}$ )  $^{\prime}$ n $^{\dot{h}}$   $n\underline{t}r$   $^{\prime}$ 3  $\dot{h}$  $\dot{k}$ 3  $\underline{d}t$  di.f

(T) ḥr pri <u>h</u>rt-n<u>t</u>r nn hnrt

 $(\xi)$  in iry in k3

(°) [n] wsir w<sup>c</sup>b (n) wpw3wt ḥwy Words spoken by Osiris, (5) Onnophris, lord of two lands (a)

Living, great<sup>(b)</sup> god,<sup>(c)</sup> lord of eternity. May he cause coming in

and going out,  $^{(1)}$  to the necropolis without restraint  $^{(V)}$   $^{(c)}$ 

by the one relating to the spirit

[of] Osiris, w<sup>c</sup>b-priest of Wepwawt<sup>(d)</sup>, Huy.

- (a) After the  $\longrightarrow$ , it is not certain whether the inscriptions represent the determinative  $I \triangleright$  or a complement of the known title of Osiris  $nb \ t^3 \ dsr \stackrel{\bigcirc}{\smile}$ .
- (b) The sign is probably a borrowing from Hieratic writing. (^).
- (c) The badly written sign looks very like ; also the determinative is not unclear. Note, these writing of the last sign in col. (\*), the signs beneath the armpit of the figure of Osiris in col. (\*), and the confused writing of col. (\*), lead us to observe that the surface of the stela was prepared, bordered and divided at first by lines in to three registers, and the figures of the gods, the Owner and his family were first executed; then followed by the texts. This shows that the artist was not skilled enough to arrange the contents property on the surface of our stela.
- (d) The first portion of the name of Wepwawt is worn off but visible.

Behind the god Osiris sits Isis, embracing him with her left hand. She wears a long lappet wig which is surmounted by two horns with sun disk between it, a broad collar, and a long tight-fitting dress with broad straps over her breasts and shoulders. She Holds a bowl for incense with smoke rising from it (R<sup>V</sup>) with her right hand. The inscriptions above her head reads (1. <sup>7</sup>)

(\(\) 3st \(\) Isis<sup>(a)</sup>,

(a) The name of Isis here is written without the determinative  $\stackrel{[\Gamma]}{\sqsubseteq}$ , as also in Salakhana stelas (CM YOY, CM 755, CM YOA, CM YTT).

At the end of the representation of the relief scene on the left hand is the Anubis, represented standing and smaller than other gods; he wears a tripartite lappet wig. He faces right, and his shoulders are drawn frontally. He wears a tunic and a short kilt; his two hands are elongated beside his body. Above and front of the god we read (l.<sup>V</sup>)

(\forall ) Im3hy hr Inpw imy wt Wsir w\forall b (n) wp-w3wt hwy m3\forall hrw The one honored<sup>(a)</sup> before Anubis, who is in the Place of Embalmment<sup>(b)</sup>, Osiris<sup>(c)</sup>, wb-priest of Wepwawt, Ḥuy, triumphant<sup>(d)</sup>.

- (a) The word *im3hy* is written here with the portion of backbone with the spinal cord issuing from both ends .
- (b) The sign beside  $\exists$  is badly written; it resembles  $\exists$  which is written sometime with this sign. ())
- (c) Undoubtedly the two signs below  $\Leftrightarrow$  are ; they have been distorted by the weathering.
- (d) The traces of the last tall narrow signs are certainly .

On the right, Wepwawt and Hathor are shown together, depicted in a sitting attitude facing left. Wepwawt is represented sitting on a chair. He wears a tripartite lappet wig and a tunic and a short kilt. He holds a  ${}^{c}nh$  sign in his left hand and his right hand is elongated towards the offering table. The inscription above his head reads  $(1.1-\circ)$ ;

(\) <u>d</u>d mdw in Wpw3wt šm<sup>c</sup>w <sup>c</sup>b3t3wy nb S3wt

lands, (\rangle r) lord of Asyut (c). (\rangle \xi)

(Y) s3 3st iw Wsir The son of Isis, the heir of Osiris.

( $^{\circ}$ ) di.f  $\underline{t}3wt$   $n\underline{d}m$  may he give sweet breeze<sup>(e)</sup> of the North,

( $\stackrel{\xi}{}$ ) pri h3i m <u>h</u>rt- coming out and coming down ntr in the necropolis<sup>(f)</sup>

(°) wsir w'b (n) for Osiris, w'b-priest of wp-w3wt hwy Wepwawt, Ḥuy<sup>(e)</sup>.

- (a) The partly worn out sign before is almost certainly a ; It has been distorted by weathering. There are two unclear signs after image. if it is the image is almost certainly a ; It has been distorted by weathering. There are two unclear signs after image. if it is almost certainly a ; It has been distorted by weathering. There are two unclear signs after image. It is see if it is almost certainly a is almos
- (b) The reading of the sign in this context is open to debate: either 'b's or shm may be correct. Useful discussion in Quack ZÄS '\'\(\forall \cdot\)'; there is evidence that one example quoted from DuQuesne DE \(\forall \cdot\)'; the expression in this context is open to debate: either 'b's or shm may be correct. Useful discussion in Quack ZÄS '\'\(\forall \cdot\)'; there is evidence that one example quoted from DuQuesne DE \(\forall \cdot\); can be read as \(shm-t\sum wy:\) an example \(\forall \cdot\) \(\forall \cdot\) in \(\
- (c) The sign Q in the name of Assyut is worn away and restored from the parallel in l. (1) of the third register.
- (d) The unclear sign between the name of Isis and Osiris is possibly
- (e) The circular sign above the is unclear. The traces of the are a confused writing of the sign, and the following phonetic complement confirms that. The sign is unclear, but can read with certainly.

- (f) The last signs after the preposition  $\longrightarrow$  possibly read  $\triangle \square$ ; see 1.  $\triangledown$ of the left part. After that, there is room of two signs, but they are extremely difficult to read.
- (g) The first sign of the name of the owner  $\subseteq$  is worn away and restored by the parallel in 1. of the left part.

At the end of the right relief inscription, Hathor appears anthropomorphically, as in all representations of her as the jackal god's consort. (17) She wears the modius, disk and horns on her head, and is represented sitting behind Wepwawt on a chair, embracing him with her right hand. Her left hand is elongated on her leg. Remarkably, except for the *Mnitt* tie which she carries in her left hand, from the first glance she appears as Isis on the left side.

The vertical lines of inscription that accompany her read (1.  $^{1-\Lambda}$ ):

(\(\)\) *Hwt-hr nbt* 

Hathor<sup>(a)</sup>, lady (of)

*Mddt*, (14) (b) lady of the sky  $(\lor)$  mddt nb(t) pt

(^) im3hy hr Inpw The one honored by Anubis, hnty n sh-ntr wsir foremost of the Pavilion, (\(\frac{1}{2}\)) Osiris, Ḥuy(c). hwy

- (a) Some portions of the sign of are worn away.
- (b) The first sign is worn away and restored by the known title of Hathor "Lady of Medjed"; see Salakhana stelas (CM . YA, CM ) 15, CM 10A, CM 197, CM TT7, CM TO1, CM EAA, CM OT7, CM OT7).
- (c) Maybe the available room of this register motivated the artist to write another line for Anubis that was not previously planned. This also confirms the confusion of the artist.

Between the two parts of the upper around topped portion is an offering table, whose surface is striped to recall the ancient reed mat, with long broad legs, surrounded by two jars; The table is badly damage; we can only see three bread loaves, put directly on the table.

## The middle part of the stela

The middle register is occupied by the reliefs of the owner, his wife, his four sons, and his four daughters, with a hieroglyphic inscription in 'r lines with vertical incised lines between them. The inscriptions is divided into parts, from right to left and left to right.

On the left part, the owner of the stela, called Ḥuy is represented sitting on a chair, with shaven head, upon which is the cone<sup>(19)</sup> of perfume, and wearing a collar and long pointed kilt. He carries one lotus<sup>(70)</sup> blossom with his left hand, bent to his breast; his right hand is extended. The owner of the stela faces an offering-table, heaped with vegetables, grapes, meat and round loaves.

The wife of Huy is represented behind her husband sitting on a chair, wearing a collar and long wig<sup>(\*)</sup> upon which is the cone of perfume with a lotus blossom. She wears a long sleeved gown,<sup>(\*\*)</sup> and holds one lotus blossom with her left hand which is bent to her breast. She holds a handkarshef with her right hand, which is extended on her legs.

The daughter of Ḥuy is represented behind her parents, standing, wearing a collar and long wig, upon which is the cone of perfume. She wears a long gown, and holds a lotus blossom in her right hand which is bent to her breast. Her right hand is extended beside her body.

The hieroglyphic inscription above the head of the owner, his wife and his daughter reads ( $^{1-o}$ ):

(1) im3hy hr Inp(w)

The one honored by Anubis<sup>(a)</sup>.

(1) wb n Wp-w3wt hwy m3c hrw

The  $w^cb$ -priest of Wepwawet<sup>(b)</sup>, Huy, triumphant.

 $(\Upsilon)$  hmt.f nbt pr hr-ib .f

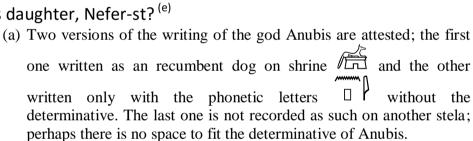
His<sup>(c)</sup> wife, the lady of the house, his favorite

 $(\xi)$  nfr m3h

Nefer-Mah<sup>(d)</sup>.

(°) s3t.f nfrt- st?

## His daughter, Nefer-st? (e)



- (b) At the last of this line, the second element of the name of Wepwawat  $\frac{\nabla}{\Delta}$  is omitted.
- (c) The suffix pronoun  $\implies$  should be restored.
- (d) The name of the wife is uncertain and not attested in Ranke 1970.
- (e) The name of the daughter is not fully intelligible. The sign following  $\triangle$  resembles  $\square$  or  $\square$ . The artist wrote the determinative below the right hand of the daughter in small size because there is not enough room to write it above.

The right part of the second register consists of four sons and three daughters of the w<sup>c</sup>b-priest Hwy. The preceding formula of the names of his sons reads (1. 1-7):



 $(\ )$  ir (t) sn<u>t</u>r kbh (n) Wsir

Making<sup>(a)</sup> the incense and libation (to) Osiris.

(7) w  $^{\circ}b$  n  $^{\circ}Wp$ -w $^{\circ}wt$   $^{\dot{h}}wy^{(b)}$ 

The wb-priest of Wepwawt, Ḥuy

 $(\Upsilon) dd.f$ 

He says.....<sup>(c)</sup>



- (a) The first writing group sic is uncertain.
- (b) The personal name Hwy appears nine times on this document and is spelled in three different ways: in the upper register (left: l. °, °; right: l. °, ^), second register (left: l. °), and third register (l. °, °, °), in upper register (right: l. ^); and here . determined with instead of ...
- (c) This column is distorted by weathering; only the beginning  $\underline{dd}$ .  $\underline{f}$  can be read, while the rest of the words are unclear, but the signs  $\triangle$  and  $\frac{8}{\Lambda}$  are likely.

The second son of Ḥuy is represented standing behind his first brother, also shaven-headed, wearing a *mss* with a sash kilt worn over the top. Decorated with a pattern, the end of the sash was doubled over and tucked back into the waist to make a puffed-out shave. It was a garment which displayed conspicuous consumption and was worn by men of status, position and rank, (10) this style of clothes ranges in date from late Dynasty XVIII. and appears also in Dynasty XIX and XX. He raises his left hand in greeting; his right hand is extended, maybe holding a small object.

It is especially in the Ramesside period that men are frequently portrayed with shaven heads, although earlier examples are also available from late Eighteenth Dynasty. (\*\*)

The texts that accompanies the first two sons is observed by weathering; the surviving text reads  $(1.\xi^{-9})$ :

$$(\xi)...^{(a)}...s\beta...^{(b)}$$
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The son

(°) nfr k3 Wsir

the good spirit, Osiris

(7) *hwy* 

Huy

 $(^{\vee})$  s3 .f k3  $nb^{(c)}$ 

his son Ka-Nb,

( $^{\wedge}$ )  $nfr hsv^{(d)}$ 

the well- favored favor one

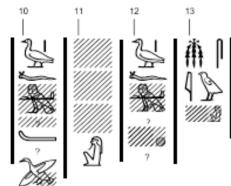
- ( $\stackrel{\xi}{}$ ) Wp W3t nb t3  $\underline{d}sr^{(e)}$
- (of) Wepwawt, lord of the necropolis



- (a) the initial signs of this column are unclear; perhaps a complement of Col.  $^{\tau}$ .
- (b) After I, a small sign of the personal name of the first son has apparently been erased.
- (c) The most likely name of the second son seems to be , which is not recorded in Ranke 1950. The determinative of the personal name is written behind the shoulder of the first son.
- (d) The reading of the term hsy has perhaps another meaning "cantor". It is attested in Salakhana stela (CM 9  $\xi$ ).
- (e) The signs following Wepwawt are uncertain. The last sign possibly resembles , and the writing here is a mistake by the artist.

Behind the two brothers, wearing a sash kilt, two military sons are shown on our stela, standing with the left arms raised before their parents. wearing a layered and a short kilt. The first son carries in his right hand the sign of the bolt of cloth. They are dressed in pleated and tied kilts. (YV) with a pleated front fold. A semicircular kilt was wrapped around the lower body so that it crossed over in the front and was knotted in place, allowing plenty of room for movement such as running. (TA) It was worn in such a way that the hem hung longer at the back than the front, with the strange elongated triangle or heart-shaped fold in the front of the kilt. The earliest example of the short military kilt with proportional fold was worn from the mid-Dynasty XVIII to the mid Dynasty XIX (Torino CGTo., rq, Deir el-Medina, early Dynasty XIX), and the stela of Roma in the Brithish Museum (EA Bs) \$7, Medinet Habu) which shows three men in pleated MKA style at the time of Ramesses II. (19) Unfortunately, their names are badly distorted by the weathering; the reading of the names is not certain, and they appear to be unattested. One is scarcely preserved, the following reads  $(1.) \cdot - 12$ :

Msew.....<sup>(d)</sup>...



- (a) The unclear sign is completely illegible. The reading of is uncertain and resembles  $\longrightarrow$ . There are traces of a sign which is perhaps p3.
- (b) This is a complement of the name, but the signs before 2 are not at all clear.
- (c) It seems to be that the first signs of the names of the military sons are the same and the difference is in the rest of the name. The signs are uncertain.
- (d) At the end of the column, there is room for more one sign. Regretfully, it is observed, but certainly the name ended with the determinative  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

Three daughters of Huy are depicted behind their brothers. It seems to be that the artist arranged them according to their ages; the first daughter is the first one of his daughters. They are represented standing, with scent-cones above their heads. A louts blossom is in that of the oldest daughter. The left arms are raised before their parents, except for the youngest daughter, whose left arm is represented in strange and unusual form, perhaps represented a sick nets or paralysis of her left arm or a similarity of her sister behind her parents. They wears a long dress without a shoulder drape, with one arm covered by linen and the other

arm covered by tresses of long hair. This style of clothes is well known in XIX dynasty. The arm of the last one is uncovered, because she does not raise up her arm like her sisters. The first daughter carries in her right hand a long unclear object, perhaps a part of an incomplete louts blossom like that of her following sister. Although the names of the daughters have survived better than the son's names these names are all problematic; the names read (1.15 - 1.4):

(15) s3t .f nb(t) pr nb

His daughter, lady of the house (a), Neb-

(10) Mwt

Mut (?)<sup>(b)</sup>

(17) s3t.f

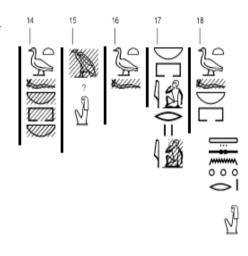
His<sup>(c)</sup> daughter

 $(\ \ )$  nb(t) pr i-r-i

Lady of the House, I-r-

 $(\ \ )$  s3(t) .f nb(t) pr t3-sn-r

His daughter, lady of the house, Ta-sn- r<sup>(e)</sup>





- (a) The title *nbt pr* "lady of the house" is found very frequently; it is attested on thirty one stela in Salakhana trove, see DuQuesne  $^{7}$ . It is generally felt that the title implies its holder was a married woman; see Ward  $^{19}$ A7,  $^{9}$ 9; see also Abdalla Abdel-Raziq, SAK  $^{\xi}$ 7,  $^{\xi}$  (n.  $^{1\xi}$ ).
- (b) The feminine personal name is perhaps to be read with mwt as nb mwt; the bird could be either (Ranke I, 1950, 144(17)) or written sic  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

- (c) The suffix pronoun *f* is observed by weathering.
- (d) The personal name here is not attested in Ranke 1970, All the signs are legible except for the one following the flowering reed, it is likely a seated man with hand to mouth.
- (e) The name of the last daughter is not entirely certain; the name t3-sn-r is not otherwise known. Possibly t3 sjnrj, but this also seems to be attested only in the Greco Roman period; Ranke I, 1950, TTV(175).

## The third part of the stela

The third sections contains the main text which consists of seven horizontal lines running right-left with border marking (1. \(^{\text{V}}\):



(\) htp di nsw (n) Wsir Wnn-nfrw nb t3wy Inpw Nb r-kr(rt) Wp-w3wt-šm<sup>c</sup>w <sup>c</sup>b3-t3wy s3 3st bimr(ty) mnh in wnn-nfr ntrw nbw s3wt (\cdot) di.(f) sw prt-hrw (m) t hnkt k3w 3pdw kbhw irp irtt ht nbt nfr(t) w<sup>c</sup>b(t) dd(t) pt km3t t3 m inn H<sup>c</sup>py (\cdot) m tpht.(f) in wsir w<sup>c</sup>b n Wp-w3wt hi dd.f i hmw-ntr w<sup>c</sup>bw hryw-hb I ntr sšw ntr pr pnw snbw ntn <sup>c</sup>nhw (\darket) ntn t3wt n rw n hm.f n hm.f swd i3w.tn n

hrdw m-ht i3w (°) w3h mi dd.w htp di nsw n Wsir w6 n Wp-w3wt hi dd.f wbn.k nfr wpi(.i) shrw.k r hprw (¹) di.k wnn.i hr mw n hd r nhh n dt twt mnt wsir hm.k iw htp.k it (¹) hr n3df hsw nw pr.f hm ntr...... nb kbh sntr šrp hr hnt (.f) nh irr n hs ph imntyw in k3 n Wsir w6 hwi

- (1) An offering which the king gives (a) (to) Osiris, Onnophris, lord of the land, Anubis, lord of the mouth of the Cavern (b). Wepwawt of Upper Egypt, controller of the Two Lands, son of Isis, bimrty, excellent for (c) Wen-nefer and all gods of Asyut(d), (Y) that he may be given it, namely invocation-offerings consisting of bread and beer, oxen and fowl, fresh water (libation) and wine, milk and all good and pure things which the sky gives and the earth produces, and the Nile brings (T) from his source<sup>(e)</sup> to<sup>(f)</sup> Osiris,  $w^c b$ -priest of Wepwawt, Huy. That may he say: O priests, wbw-priests, lector-priests. O god, scribes of this temple, may (you) be well and live, (£) breath to the mouths<sup>(g)</sup> of his spirit of his majesty, of his majesty<sup>(h)</sup>, that you may assign your jobs to children after a hale old age(i), (o) when you say: A boon which the king gives to Osiris, w<sup>c</sup>b-priest of Wepwawt, Huy as he says: may you appear beautifully, that I report your counsel to come into being<sup>(j)</sup>,  $(\ \ )$  that you may cause that my existence on the water of the river forever and ever, the statues established.......(Y) ......(k), libation, incense and natron by his occupation<sup>(r)</sup> .....<sup>(I)</sup> on arrival of the western by the spirit of Osiris. w<sup>c</sup>b-priest, Ḥuy.
  - a. This written of this few words of offering formula is occurs in an inscription facing a speos at Beni Hasan from the reign of Hatshepsut and Tuthmoses III Fakhry ASAE <sup>٣٩</sup> (١٩٣٩), <sup>٧١٦-١٧</sup>; also in the <sup>st</sup> half of the <sup>١٩th</sup> Dynasty Barta <sup>١٩٦٤</sup>, <sup>١٣٩</sup>.
  - b. According to Gauthier R-Krrt is attested on sarcophagus CG. YANNATANNA, dating to the new kingdom, (TY) it is a name of the necropolis of Asyut, (TY) the thirteenth nome of lower Egypt,. Gardiner demonstrated that R-Krrt is named together with t3-rhh in the Medinet Habu list just before Asyut, suggesting that they were

names of whole or part of the necropolis there. Gardiner also concluded that t3- ${}^{c}nh$  is not attested in tombs or on coffins, although Osiris is given the title lord of t3- ${}^{c}nh$  on Abydos stela (Cairo CG  ${}^{c}$  ·  ${}^{c}$  ·

- c. The reading here is uncertain.
- d. Note, The writing of the name of Asyut is not attested before.
- e. The writing of the words *ddt pt km3t t3 m innt Ḥ<sup>c</sup>py m tpht.(f)* is very common in the \st half of \st half o
- f. The writer used to use *in* instead of *n*
- g. rw is used instead of fnd
- h. The repeating of *hm.f* her for emphasizing
- i. The writing of *swd.tn i3w.tn n hrdw.tn* "that you may assign your jobs to your children" is occurred on the stelae of *Imn-m h* (TT or), *Intf* (C. YT in Louvre museum), *Wsr* (nr. YT in Grenoble museum), and *nb-Imn* (TT YE); The writing of *swd.tn i3w.tn n hrdw.tn m-ht i3w w3h* "that you may assign your jobs to your children after endure old age" is occurred on the stelae of *ph-sw-hr* (TT AA), and *Imn-hpr*(TT YT) whose lived in the reign of Tuthmos III.
- j. These words is occurred in the Autobiography of Rekhmere<sup>c</sup> to expressed about his ability and learning, see Gardiner ZÄS 7. (1970), YT.
- k. The reading is not certain.
- 1. The reading here also is uncertain.

#### **Date and Provenance**

No recordings appear on the original provenance of the stela. The is an internal evidence, however, which points to Asyut: the fact that Anubis is referred to in the inscriptions as "lord of R-Krrt", and the title w b-priest, held by Huy that links him with Wepwawat, who enjoyed a prominent cult in Asyut. the stela apparently belonged to one of the destroyed tombs over there.

On the basis of its stylistic, iconographic, and epigraphic details, the stela is most likely dating from the New Kingdom. The rounded top shows a much flatter curve which is clearly separated from the lower part by distinctive corners at the transition of both parts, the writing of (a,b), the name of Osiris (a,b), the general character of the inscription and the clothing style, all combine to suggest a date in the Ramesside period. There is a stela (JE. (a,b)), came to the light by DuQuesne, (a,b) it is bearing the name Huy. Also it had the same title Wab-priest, dating to Ramesside period, though the concerned stela may date to Ramesside period if we presume the owner of that stela is the same owner of the stela JE. (a,b)

#### **Conclusion:**

Despite the fact that there are no tombs of the New kingdoms unearthed until nowadays in the mountains of Asyut, a new record of the New Kingdom of Asyut comes to light by publishing Asyut stela No. 197 in Al-Salam School Museum, which is the topic of this paper. The stela is itself a clear evidence that tombs were cut in the mountain at Asyut during the new kingdom, though none has been documented yet. It is also recorded that the date of one of those tombs, with the name of the owner and his title.

## **Apendex:**

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- (1) Because the paucity of the record of the New Kingdom and later of Assyut, our knowledge still limited to a very few examples of statuary and relief sculpture, with the short texts which accompany them, and a handful of inscribed blocks until the excavation of Joachem Kahl and his team from Mainz, thanks for them to make our knowledge much advanced about Assyut in the New Kingdom, For the reports of Asyut Project, see DuQuesne Y··A, Y(n, Y)
- (\*) I am grateful to the Ministry of Antiquities for permission to publish this Stela, the formal director of Al-Salam Secondary School Museum for helping.
- ( $^{\circ}$ ) The God Osiris associated with the 3tf- crown since Middle Kingdom. Abu baker 19AV, V, V and Allen  $19V\xi$ , chap. 1AV.
- (£) Throughout the Middle Kingdom changes occur in the orthography of certain words in the formula. Thus in the Eleventh Dynasty, and often in the early Twelfth Dynasty, the name of Osiris is written with the determinative often appears in the Eleventh Dynasty and early Twelfth Dynasty. Bennett 19£1, YA.
- (°) The words if the Great God" after the name of Osiris rarely occur until the Twelfth Dynasty. In the reign of Sesostris I the title is added Bennett 1951, 19- A.
- (7) Wb I, ۲۳۰-1.
- (Y) Wb III, ۲۹7
- (A) Moller 1A77-1971 II, \*\*77
- (9) Duquesene ۲..9, passim.
- (1.) Anubis is often described as imy-wt "The One in the Place of Embalmment". The sense cannot be precisely established: the various meaning of wt have to do with embalming, particularly with mummy-wrappings, and the priest who oversaw mummification was called wt(y). Duquesene  $Y \cdot \cdot \cdot \circ$ ,  $\S 177$ .
- (11) Wb I, 47.

#### (17) LGG II, ٣٤٦

- (12) nb S3wt "lord of Asyut": A very common designation of Wepwawt later, this expression occurs first in the First Intermediate Period. For nb S3wty see DuQuesne Y...; §§ 197-192, §772, F91. S3wt was the residence of the 17 Nome of Upper Egypt. It was on the west side of Nile about 7 km south of Asyut. Gomaà 1947: Y71-77. for the 17 Nome of Upper Egypt, Helck 1972, 1.7-2, LÄ III, F9., and Gomaà 1944.
- (1°) The previously Hr-nd-(hr)it.f-s3-3st is a designation of the deceased. It occurs in the chapter 157 of the book of the dead see: Verhoeven RdE 57 (1997), 141-7, 141-8, text reads: **A** wsir N. dd.fink.....B iy.n.i ..... ink Hr nd (hr) it.f s3 3st iw n Wsir ...... I am Horus, who protected his father, the son of Isis, the heir of Osiris". Noteworthy, it is not attested for Anubis in Salakhana stelae. (1°) DuQuesne  $Y \cdot \cdot \cdot \wedge$ , Y

#### (17) DuQuesne Y.A, Y

- ( $\footnote{h}$ ) Throughout the Old Kingdom, the commonest epithet given to Anubis is  $\footnote{h}$ nty- $\footnote{h}$ ntr (He who is over the Divine Pavilion), referring to the temporary structure where embalming was carried out. Perhaps the casket on which Anubis sits should be regarded as representing a temple or naos with symbolic associations related to the  $\footnote{h}$ ntr, as a place of safety for the body in process of transformation. See: Duquesene  $\footnote{h}$ 0,  $\footnote{h}$ 10.
- (19) An early interpretation of the cone maintains that it is a representation of a mass of perfumed unguent placed on the head to melt, moisturies, and scent the hair and body Padgham Y. Y, Y, not. The authors who have been referred to the cone as a cone unguent are: Ghalioungui 1977, 100, Freed 1974, 199, Eggeberecht 1974, 100, Stead 1974, 01, Mraite 1991, 117, Watterson 1991, 117, Strouhal and Forman 1997, TA, Westendorf 1974, 119, Shedid and Siedel 1997, 79, and Ikram Y. 115.
- ( $^{4}$ .) The smelling of the lotus blossom by the owner of the Stela proves the idea of live after death. It is as a protect amulet, which protects him in his second life after death. According to this Idea, the dead identified himself with everything, which is in Sanctuary, like for example Morning-star, the

holy power of gods, just as the lotus blossom itself. One dignity assumes, that it itself about symbolic establish El-Sogheir 1940, 41-40, and Dittmar 1947, passim.

- (۲۱) Müller ۱۹٦٠, passim
- (۲۲) Bonnet ۱۹٦٤, passim
- (TT) DuOesne T...9. 077
- (TE) Ibid, OTA
- ( $^{\circ}$ ) The style of the clothing here, classified by DuQesne  $^{\circ}$ ,  $^{\circ}$ , and called Style  $K^{\wedge}$  mss and sash kilt.
- (٢٦) Rasha Metawi ۲۰۱۳,۱۸۲
- (YV) DuQuesne Y··٩, presented a classification of the military clothing of a thirty-three depictions of male donors on the Salakhana stela, he divided into six main categories (MKA, MKB, MKC, MKD, MKE and MSQ). The clothing of the two military personnel here classified with MKA categories, for the origins of this style and possible methods of tying style MKA, see DuQuesne Y··٩, ٥٧٥-٥٨٠.
- (TA) DuQuesne T..., ovo
- (۲۹) Ibid, oh.
- (٣١) Wb III, ١٠٢
- (TY) H. Gauthier 1979, 17A
- (TT) A. H. Gardiner, 1957, YT(TV.A)
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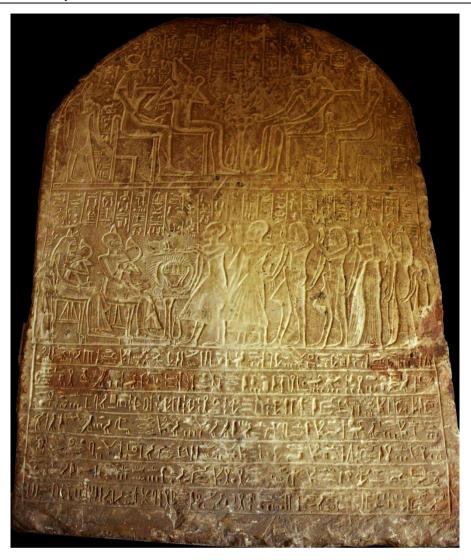


Fig. no. ( ' )

The Stela of Huy No. '٩٣ in Al-Salam School Museum at Asyut

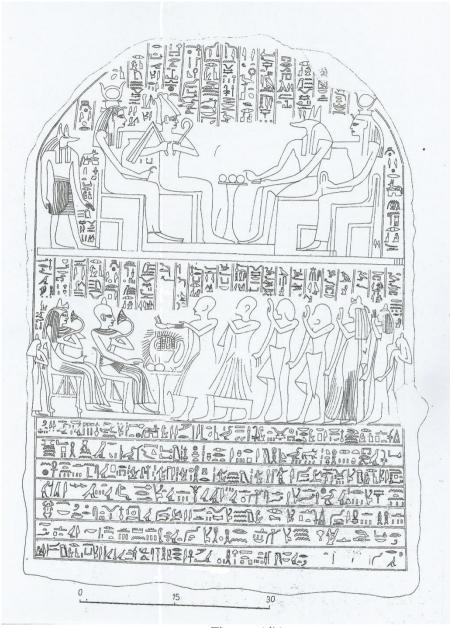


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The facsimile of the Stela of Huy No. 197 in Al-Salam School Museum at Asyut