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**THE RELIGIOUS AND ADMINISTRATIVE TITLES OF
THE OFFICIALS OF THE ANIMALS CEMETERY, AT
TUNA EL-GEBAL THROUGHOUT THE DEMOTIC
DOCUMENTS**

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Abstract

The topic of this dissertation deals with the religious and administrative titles of the officials of the animals cemetery at Tuna el-Gebel throughout the demotic documents.

Tuna el-Gebel is the name of a modern village, located on the edge of the western desert, near the modern town of Mallawi (Minya governorate). It contains many important monuments but this study focuses on the animal cemetery which is devoted for the burial of the sacred animals incorporating birds, especially the Ibis and the Baboon. The excavations at Tuna el-Gebel necropolis have revealed a religious association which served as living and working areas at the same time for the members of the cult community. Many of Demotic documents have been found inside the Tuna el-Gebel necropolis. It can be observed through these documents that this association was managed by a number of the officials. For instance **wab . w+Hwty** and **stm . waS** were responsible for collecting the dead sacred Ibises from different places in order to bring them to their burying place at Tuna El-Gebel. A general (**pAmr-mSa**) was responsible for the safe transfer of Ibises from El-Fayoum region to Tuna el-Gebel. **sX+Hwty** was responsible for receiving the dead Ibises and Baboons from the servants (**sDm-aS**) and registering their numbers. While **TAynA . ntr . w** were in charge of transporting the sacred animal mummies from the place of embalming to the necropolis (from **wabt** to **pAa . wy-htp**)

The study is divided into an introduction and Four chapters:-

The introduction: Included the aims of the study, previous study, and procedure scope.

Chapter One: included a historical outline of Tuna el-Gebel necropolis, the Topography, the Purpose, Chronological scope, and the excavation at Tuna el-Gebel necropolis.

Chapter Two: discusses the religious titles that were carried by the officials at Tuna el- Gebel necropolis.

Chapter Three: deals with the administrative titles that were held by the officials at Tuna el-Gebel necropolis.

Chapter Four: included the Paleographical study of the religious and administrative titles.

At the end of this Dissertation, I submitted some conclusions, appendices, figures, and bibliography.