

Unpublished Non-Royal Statue of Wri(n)y at Beni-Suief Museum (No. 1629)

Abstract:

This article is dedicated to the publication of a statue of non-royal *Wri(n)y*, who served as the sun temple priest for both King Userkaf and Neferirkare during the Fifth Dynasty. He was a great high official whose Userkaf permitted him to carve two tombs, one of them at Saqqara D20 and the other at Sheikh Said No. 25. He subsequently became the overseer of both kings Userkaf and Neferirkare's solar temples. Wri(n)y had worked as supervisor of the king's treasury in addition to his job as priest of the solar-temple, according to some inscription on the front of his right leg. Mariette discovered the statue in tomb D20 in Saqqara necropolis and he had pointed out that Wri(n)y had had four statues but only two are known: one in standing stance, which the authors will publish, and the other in EG CG172. All of them are sculpted between the mid-half and end of the Fifth Dynasty. All of these statues will aid authors in publishing and clarifying the statue style that was followed toward the end of the Fifth Dynasty by non-royal artists. The authors will publish this statue based on the style of hair wig, kilt, and facial features and at the end, it may be deduced that this statue of Wri(n)y dates from the end of the Fifth Dynasty, Old Kingdom (2700-2200 BC).