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Changes in the *htp-dj-nsw* Formula in the Late Middle Kingdom and the Second Intermediate Period¹

In 1941, C. J. C. Bennett published a study of the *htp-dj-nsw* formula in the Middle Kingdom inscriptions. This study marked a new epoch in the Middle Kingdom epigraphy². Having studied 121 dated instances of the formula, Bennett established 11 dating criteria to differentiate between the Eleventh Dynasty, early Twelfth Dynasty and later Twelfth Dynasty inscriptions. His study led to a substantial development in the study of private Middle Kingdom monuments in the second half of the 20th century.

D. Franke recently argued that there are limitations in Bennett's dating system³. Franke pointed out that Bennett's work was based on a mixed set of documents, including heterogeneous monuments (stelae, tombs, rock inscriptions, coffins and one offering table). Epigraphic features do not synchronously emerge on different kinds of monuments. According to G. Lapp, the dating criteria established for coffins do not apply to other object groups⁴. P. Vernus has shown that the expedition graffiti deviate from the norm of monumental inscriptions⁵.

W. Grajetzki has likewise demonstrated the deviation of scarabs⁶.

Regional differences pose another problem to Bennett's approach. A detailed overview of the weaknesses in Bennett's method regarding provincial monuments can be found in G. Lapp's study of Middle Kingdom coffins⁷. Franke also pointed out that Bennett divided the Middle Kingdom into time periods that are too large, namely the Eleventh, early Twelfth and later Twelfth Dynasty, while excluding the periods after the Twelfth dynasty (now we know that most known Middle Kingdom monuments date from the Thirteenth dynasty or later). He further criticises Bennett's statistical approach⁸ for being too mechanistic.

A systematic overview of the *htp-dj-nsw* formula in the Middle Kingdom inscriptions can be found in W. Barta's study of offering formulas⁹. He divides the Middle Kingdom into four periods (the Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth/Fourteenth and Fifteenth/Seventeenth dynasties), however his chronological findings are not reliable because of an unclear basis of his datings of reference documents. A number of examples given in the Twelfth dynasty section actually belong to the Thirteenth dynasty.

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² C. J. C. Bennett, "Growth of the *htp-dj-nsw* formula in the Middle Kingdom", JEA 27 (1941): 77–82.

³ D. Franke, "The Middle Kingdom Offering Formulas – a Challenge", JEA 89 (2003): 57.

⁴ G. Lapp, Typologie der Särge und Sargkammern von der 6. bis 13. Dynastie, SAGA 7 (Heidelberg, 1993), S. 245.

⁵ P. Vernus, "Sur les graphies de la formule 'l'offrande que donne le roi' au Moyen Empire et à la

Deuxième Période Intermédiaire", in: S. Quirke (ed.), Middle Kingdom Studies (New Malden, 1991), p. 143.

⁶ W. Grajetzki, "Der Schatzmeister Amenhotep und eine weitere Datierungshilfe für Denkmäler des Mittleren Reiches", BSEG 19 (1995): 10.

⁷ Lapp, Typologie, pp. 243–245.

⁸ Later revised by H. Satzinger, "Beobachtungen zur Opferformel: Theorie und Praxis", LingAeg 5 (1997): 177–188.

⁹ W. Barta, Aufbau und Bedeutung der altägyptischen Opferformel, ÄF 24 (Glückstadt, 1968), pp. 43–84.

The present state of research allows us to distinguish the late Middle Kingdom inscriptions (Senwosret III and later) from the early Middle Kingdom and New Kingdom documents, but establishing a more precise date within this period is often a complicated task. That is why we often meet monuments dated as just “Late Middle Kingdom” in recent studies and catalogues. The following traits emerge roughly in the reign of Senwosret III and are widely used for dating: *wd3t*-eyes in the lunette¹⁰, the writing of *ss mnht* with ¹¹, the title *nbt-pr* applied to women not belonging to a royal or nomarchal family¹². Further features are first utilized in the very end of the Twelfth dynasty or in the Thirteenth dynasty: the use of  instead of , *hq3dt* as an epithet of Osiris¹⁴, *whmw nh* as an epithet

of deceased¹⁵ and the phrases *t3w ndm n nh* and *t3w ndm n mhjt* in the list of offerings¹⁶.

More accurate dating is possible through the study of prosopography or the groups of stylistically close stelae called workshops¹⁷. But these methods only apply to a limited number of documents with prosopographic or stylistic links to dated monuments. A review of changes in the offering formula during the late Middle Kingdom could help dating the monuments that could otherwise not be dated at all. The aim of this paper is to review the dating criteria based on the *htp-dj-nsw* formula already proposed in scholarly literature and to establish new approaches.

The study encompasses the documents from the reign of Senwosret III to the end of the Seventeenth dynasty. Given the limited number of documents dated precisely to a specific reign, I was able to divide the entire time-span into only three general periods: the late Twelfth dynasty (Senwosret III to Neferusobek), the Thirteenth dynasty and the Second Intermediate Period stricto sensu. The latter period is defined on the basis of specific epigraphic features, rather than by political history events.

In a criticism of Bennett's system, D. Franke has suggested that “for dating stelae, only stelae should be assembled in the database”¹⁸. However, given the fact that offering-tables and statues often belonged to the same chapel as stelae and were executed at the same workshop, I decided to include these groups of monuments as well. I also include the tomb stelae and wall inscriptions in the scope of this paper because many of the stelae of unknown archaeological

¹⁰ D. Franke, “Die Stele Inv. Nr. 4403 im Landesmuseum in Oldenburg”, SAK 10 (1983): 177, n. 83; M. Marée, “A remarkable group of Egyptian stelae from the Second Intermediate Period”, OMRO 73 (1993): 8.

¹¹ For this dating criterion, see: O. D. Berlev, “Один из способов датировки стел Среднего Царства (формула ‘О живые, сущие на земле ...?’)”, Краткие сообщения Института народов Азии 46 (1962): 66. Having studied 243 pre-Senwosret III Twelfth dynasty stelae I could not find any example of such a writing earlier than this reign. One example of an intermediate form can be found on stela BM 567 (Amenemhat II, photo accessible on the British Museum website) with  only partly set between the two poles of .

¹² D. Franke, Altägyptische Verwandtschaftsbezeichnungen im Mittleren Reich, HÄB 3 (Hamburg, 1983), pp. 139–140. Some exceptional instances of this title are known from the time of Amenemhat II, see: R. E. Freed, “Stela Workshops of Early Dynasty 12”, in: P. der Manuelian (ed.), Studies in Honor of William Kelly Simpson (Boston, 1996), vol. I, p. 331.

¹³ D. Franke, review of J. Bourriau, Pharaohs and Mortals. Egyptian Art in the Middle Kingdom (Cambridge, 1988), JEA 77 (1991): 211; O. D. Berlev and S. I. Hodjash, Sculpture of Ancient Egypt in the Collection of the Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts (Moscow, 2004), p. 115. Berlev cites the toilet-box MMA 26.7.1438 (Amenemhat IV) as the earliest example. Another early example of  in the name of Osiris can be found on an offering-table from the tomb of Neferuptah (doc. 2) from the reign of Amenemhat IV or, less likely, Amenemhat III.

¹⁴ G. Rosati, “Note e proposte per la datazione delle steli del Medio Regno”, OrAnt 19 (1980): 284.

¹⁵ O. D. Berlev, Общественные отношения в Египте эпохи Среднего царства. Социальный слой ‘царских *htmw*’ (Moscow, 1978), с. 180; Rosati, OrAnt 19 (1980): 277; D. Franke, Das Heiligtum des Heqaib auf Elephantine, SAGA 9 (Heidelberg, 1994), p. 44.

¹⁶ S. I. Hodjash and O. D. Berlev, “Several Middle Kingdom Stelae of the Moscow Fine Arts Museum”, AoF 3 (1975): 8; Rosati, OrAnt 19 (1980): 275.

¹⁷ For the concept of stela workshop, see: Freed, in: P. der Manuelian (ed.), Studies ... Simpson, I, pp. 297–336.

¹⁸ Franke, JEA 89 (2003): 57.

context could belong to tombs and not to offering chapels. In summary: the inscriptions on individual stone monuments: stelae, statues, naoi, offering tables and on tomb walls are all taken into account, while graffiti, coffins, canopic boxes, vessels, and toilet-boxes are excluded. I also exclude expedition inscriptions on stelae from Sinai, Wadi el-Hudi and other sites because it has been shown that these monuments evolve independently of other groups of inscriptions (see above).

C. J. J. Bennett relied on the monuments bearing a specific royal name and this is why he could cite only five instances of the *htp-dj-nsw* from the Thirteenth dynasty. To expand the corpus of dated inscriptions I have added the monuments securely dated in the prosopographical studies by D. Franke, W. Grajetzki and other scholars. This measure provides us with enough examples from the time of dynasties XII and XIII; however, the Second Intermediate Period monuments are still lacking. Therefore, I decided to add Second Intermediate Period inscriptions dated solely by epigraphic criteria. The following criteria were employed: the late writing of the *htp-dj-nsw*, the anomalous forms of the --- -sign and the --- -sign with cusps turned upward. P. C. Smither has noted that since the end of Dynasty XIII the traditional writing --- is often replaced in horizontal lines by a new one --- ¹⁹. In a recent paper I have tried to show that anomalous forms of the --- -sign and namely those with crossed top, diamond-shaped top, large round top and two-petalled top are only attested after Dynasty XIII²⁰. The third criterion was proposed by C. Vandersleyen who noticed that the --- -sign with cusps turned upward is only attested under Dynasty XVII and

in the first regnal years of Ahmose²¹. These criteria underlie the present study and will not be further discussed.

I decided to exclude the inscriptions from the tomb of Awibre Hor because the place of this king in the Thirteenth dynasty was recently called into question by S. Aufrère²².

The results showed 76 documents from the late Twelfth dynasty, 139 from the Thirteenth and 264 Second Intermediate Period documents.

Bennett's article has been correctly criticised for disregarding the regional differences. The late Middle Kingdom inscriptions show a great regional discrepancy. For example, the late writing of the *htp-dj-nsw* which Smither believed to be a universal indicator of Second Intermediate Period inscriptions was prevalent only in the southern part of Egypt, from Nubia to el-Kab²³. However, in the present paper I am not able to pursue the regional discrepancy due to the fact that most private Late Middle Kingdom monuments either come from Abydos where stelae from different regions were installed or are of unknown provenance. That is why I had to study the offering formulas regardless of regional differences.

The limited number of inscriptions and their heterogeneous character make the statistical analysis of the material very unreliable, therefore I decided not to take into account the gradual changes in the *htp-dj-nsw* formula expressed in

²¹ Cl. Vandersleyen, Les guerres d'Amosis, fondateur de la XVIII^e dynastie, Monographies Reine Élisabeth 1 (Bruxelles, 1971), pp. 205–228; for a revision of this dating criterion, see: D. Polz, Der Beginn des Neuen Reiches: zur Vorgeschichte einer Zeitenwende, SDAIK 31 (Berlin, 2007), pp. 14–20.

²² S. Aufrère, “Le roi Aouibré Hor: Essai d'interprétation du matériel découvert par Jacques de Morgan à Dahchour (1894)”, BIFAO 101 (2001): 1–41.

²³ As was shown in the conference paper cited above in n. 20. M. Marée comes to the same conclusion, M. Marée, “A Sculpture Workshop at Abydos from the Late Sixteenth or Early Seventeenth Dynasty”, in: M. Marée (ed.), The Second Intermediate Period (Thirteenth-Seventeenth Dynasties): Current Research, Future Prospects, OLA 192 (Leuven, 2010), p. 249, n. 52. The present article had already been submitted when the insightful study by Marée appeared. So I could take his findings into account only to a limited extent at the very last minute.

¹⁹ P. C. Smither, “Writing of *htp-di-nsw* in the Middle and New Kingdoms”, in: JEA 25 (1939): 34–37, see the latest critical evaluation in: Vernus, in: S. Quirke (ed.), Middle Kingdom Studies.

²⁰ A paper “The anomalous forms of the --- -sign in the Second Intermediate Period” (in Russian) was presented at the Saint Petersburg Egyptological Readings in June 2010 and is to be published in: A. O. Bolschakov (ed.), Saint Petersburg Egyptological Readings 2009–2010 (in print).

Table 1. Writings of *Skr*.

				Total appearance of <i>Skr</i> , <i>Pth-Skr</i> and <i>Pth-Skr-Jst-Jrt</i> in the offering formula
Late Dyn. XII	5	0	0	5/76 docs. (7%)
Dyn. XIII	12	0	0	12/139 docs. (9%)
Sec. Int. Per.	22	15	5	46/264 docs. (17%)

varying frequencies of certain elements in different periods, but instead to focus on drastic changes expressed in the occurrence or absence of certain elements (with some exceptions, of course).

1. Min-Harnakht

Mnw-Hr-Nht appears in the offering formulas primarily in the Thirteenth dynasty. The appearance of this god in the offering formula seems to be synchronous with the appearance of ithyphallic Min figures on Abydene stelae²⁴. This god is attested in 10 Thirteenth dynasty documents (docs. 109, 139, 154, 155, 162, 164, 168, 170, 191, 201). Doc. 342 could be dated in the Second Intermediate Period by the late writing of *htp-dj-nsw*, however, its similarity in composition and style with a Thirteenth dynasty stela, doc. 167, suggests a Thirteenth dynasty date. The only undoubted later example, doc. 428 probably comes from Koptos (as suggested by the phrase *ntrw jmjw hwt-Mnw*). To conclude: the mention of *Mnw-Hr-Nht* in the offering formula outside the cultic centers of Min is a sign of a Thirteenth dynasty date.

2. The spelling of Sokar

P. Vernus has already studied the spellings of the name of Sokar in the Middle Kingdom inscriptions²⁵. The results of his study were blurred

by his assertion that all monuments with old writings of *htp-dj-nsw* predate the Second Intermediate Period. Consequently, he has dated all such monuments in the Thirteenth dynasty. To dispute his claim, it can be shown that in the Second Intermediate Period the old writing was replaced by the new spelling, not universally, but only in some parts of Egypt (see above). Many of the monuments dated by Vernus in the Thirteenth dynasty should be dated in the later period and this is why a review of his results is necessary.

In the late Twelfth and Thirteenth dynasty the name *Skr* was only written as . In the Second Intermediate Period new spellings appear: , and (see Table 1). There is also one Second Intermediate Period document spelling *Skr* as (doc. 461).

Hence, the anomalous writings of *Skr* are a clear sign of post-Thirteenth dynasty inscriptions.

3. Additional *dj* before a god's name

D. Franke has noted that on several Second Intermediate Period stelae an additional *dj* or *dd* was added, spelled with or .²⁶ His examples (our docs. 270, 326, 406, 428 and Khartoum 4448²⁷) can be supplemented with docs. 283, 292, 331, 379, 427, 447.

These spellings only occur in the Second Intermediate Period. Recently, M. Marée has

centenaire (1880–1980), MIFAO 104 (Le Caire, 1980), pp. 187–190.

²⁶ Franke, JEA 89 (2003): 40, n. 2.

²⁷ F. L. Griffith, “Oxford Excavations in Nubia”, LAAA 8 (1921): 98, pl. XXIX.1. This stela was not included in our study because it does not fit the basic formal criteria. However, the style and layout of the inscriptions suggest a Second Intermediate Period date.

²⁴ For these, see: M. Malaise, “Les représentations de divinités sur les stèles du Moyen Empire”, in: Orientalia J. Duchesne-Guillemin emerito oblata, Acta Iranica 23 (Leiden, 1984), pp. 408–411.

²⁵ P. Vernus, “Trois statues de particuliers attribuables à la fin de la domination hyksos”, in: Livre du

Table 2. Writings of *Jhw ȝpdw*.

	ȝ	ȝ	ȝ	ȝ or ȝ	ȝ
Late Dyn. XII	27 (36%)	25 (34%)	17 (23%)	4 (6%)	1 (1%)
Dyn. XIII	15 (15%)	46 (46%)	0 (0%)	37 (37%)	1 (1%)
Sec. Int. Per.	26 (13%)	133 (67%)	0 (0%)	8 (4%)	33 (17%)

shown that most examples belong to an Abydos workshop he has studied²⁸ (docs. 270, 283, 292, 331, 406, 427, 447, Liverpool E.610²⁹ and Firenze 1807³⁰).

4. The sign ⌂ [U23] in the name *ȝbdw* (Abydos)

O. D. Berlev has noted the sign ⌂ is attested in a form with a leg ⌁ since Kamose, doc. 426³¹. An earlier example can be cited dating from the reign of Sobkhotep VII (Dynasty XVI), doc. 280. All other examples also belong to the Second Intermediate Period: docs. 236, 254, 279, 375, 395, 408, 413, 440.

5. The phrase *m swt.f nbt*

Bennett's assertion that the phrase *m swt.f nbt* after the name of Osiris appears only once in the Twelfth dynasty (in the reign of Senwosret I)³² should be corrected. Three examples are known

²⁸ Marée, in: M. Marée (ed.), Second Intermediate Period, pp. 250–252

²⁹ S. R. Snape, "Statues and Soldiers at Abydos in the Second Intermediate Period", in: C. J. Eyre (ed.), The Unbroken Reed: Studies in the Culture and Heritage of Ancient Egypt in Honour of A. F. Shore, EES Occasional Publications 11 (London, 1994), pp. 304–307; it does not fit the basic formal criteria chosen for our study.

³⁰ Its publication was not accessible to me: G. Rossati, "Nuovi 'individui': statuette di XVII–inizio XVIII dinastia nel Museo Egizio di Firenze", in: P. Minà (ed.), Imagines et iura personarum. L'uomo nell'Egitto antico. Per i novanta anni di Sergio Donadoni: Atti del IX Convegno Internazionale di Egittologia e Papirologia, Palermo 10–13 novembre 2004 (Palermo, 2006), pp. 225–234.

³¹ Berlev, Hodjash, Sculpture of Ancient Egypt, p. 115.

³² Bennett, JEA 27 (1941): 80.

from the reign of Amenemhat III, docs. 10, 24, 46 (one further example dates from the Second Intermediate Period, doc. 355).

6. The spelling of *jhw ȝpdw*

Jhw ȝpdw ("oxen and fowl") is one of the most ubiquitous elements of the offering formula. It can be written with various combinations of determinatives. The most common variants ȝ and ȝ were used at all periods. The other spellings are limited to certain periods (see Table 2).

In summary: ȝ is not attested after Dynasty XII, ȝ or ȝ was used almost exclusively during Dynasty XIII and ȝ became common in the Second Intermediate Period.

Another feature in the spelling of *jhw ȝpdw* specific for the Second Intermediate Period inscriptions can be pointed out: the large size of the "beef" and "fowl" signs (against the traditional size of a quarter of a square). One of these signs may occupy the full height of a line: ȝ, ȝ, ȝ, ȝ or ȝ. The only example of such writing prior to the Second Intermediate Period is doc. 53 (Amenemhat III). M. Marée cites this feature as one of distinctive traits of a Second Intermediate Period workshop from Abydos he discovered³³ (docs. 292, 319, 406, 422, 425, 445 from our set).

However, the Second Intermediate Period examples are not limited to the Abydos monuments he studied. The following documents can be cited (ordered by geographical origin): 239 (Elephantine); 226, 227, 228, 374, 375, 383, 384, 392, 473 (Edfu); 260, 348, 400 (Gebelein/Rizeiqat); 355, 465 (Thebes); 275, 290, 295, 322,

³³ Marée, in: M. Marée (ed.), Second Intermediate Period, p. 255, trait 10.

351 (Abydos) as well as 15 inscriptions of unknown origin, docs. 257, 259, 264, 324, 332, 397, 403, 407, 408, 417, 426, 460, 464, 476, 478. In sum, 41 Second Intermediate Period inscriptions exhibit this feature (I cite only the examples where at least one of the two signs occupies the full height of a line; the examples having just disproportionately large signs are more numerous, but not so clearly discernible). Hence, this feature is not a trait of a specific workshop, but rather one of the signs of a Second Intermediate Period date.

7. The phrases *rnpt nbt* and *hnkt nbt*

The phrases *rnpt nbt* ("all produce" or "all yearly offerings"³⁴) and *hnkt nbt* ("all donations") are attested in the offering formulas of Twelfth dynasty inscriptions, but do not occur later. The following late Twelfth dynasty examples can be cited: docs. 5, 6, 10, 22, 26, 35, 41, 46, 51, 53, 65, 67.

I could find only two examples of a later date: doc. 183 (time of Khendjer) and Cairo CG 20430 (dated not earlier than the Thirteenth dynasty through the use of *wḥmw ḥnh*).

8. The phrase *ʒḥ wsr m³c-hrw*

The phrase *ʒḥ wsr m³c-hrw* ("being *akb*, powerful and justified") frequently occurs in lists of offerings of *htp-dj-nsw* formula and sometimes in its complete version *ʒḥ m pt, wsr m t³, m³c-hrw m hrt-ntr* ("being *akb* in the sky, powerful on the land and justified in the necropolis"). According to W. Barta, it appeared in the Twelfth dynasty³⁵. However, all Twelfth dynasty examples cited by Barta should be attributed to a later date. Cairo CG 20322 is dated by the use of ↗, Firenze 7600 [Bosticco, no. 42] is dated by the phrase *ȝw ndm n ḥnh*. Frankfort, JEA 14 (1928), no. 6

³⁴ On the possible meaning, see: H. G. Fischer, *Varia Nova*, Egyptian Studies 3 (New York, 1996), p. 132.

³⁵ Barta, *Aufbau und Bedeutung*, pp. 59–60 (Bitte 7).

is often dated in the reign of Senwosret III through the mention of that king on the god's place in the *htp-dj-nsw* formula. However, other Middle Kingdom examples of formulas mentioning specific kings date later than the reign of that king: Dra Abu el-Naga K01.12³⁶ and Geschenk des Nils³⁷, Nr. 155 mentioning Men-thuhotep II both date from the Thirteenth dynasty; docs. 248 and 452 mentioning Senwosret I and Senwosret III both date from the Second Intermediate Period. Hence, the mention of Senwosret III in the offering formula is not a reason to date Frankfort, JEA 14 (1928), no. 6 in his reign.

The study shows that the phrase *ʒḥ wsr m³c-hrw* appears in the Thirteenth dynasty. 16 examples are visible from the Thirteenth dynasty and 10 from the Second Intermediate Period.

9. The phrase *jnnt hcpj m htpt.f (nfrt)*

The phrase *ddt pt qm³t t³ jnnt hcpj* ("what the sky gives, the earth creates and the Nile brings") is present at all periods of the Middle Kingdom. Since the Thirteenth dynasty, the following words were sometimes added to the phrase: *m htpt.f (nfrt)* ("as his (beautiful) offering"). After Barta, these words appear already in the Twelfth dynasty³⁸. However, I could find no Twelfth dynasty example supporting this view. Four examples are known from the Thirteenth dynasty and 17 from the Second Intermediate Period.

There was also a regional variant of this phrase visible on the monuments produced in Antaeopolis³⁹: *jnnt hcpj m htp-dj-nsw* ("what the Nile brings as an offering which the king has

³⁶ D. Polz, A. Seiler, Die Pyramidenanlage des Königs Nub-Cheper-Re Intef in Dra' Abu el-Naga: Ein Vorbericht, SDAIK 24 (Mainz am Rhein, 2003), pl. 2.

³⁷ H. A. Schlägl, Geschenk des Nils: Agyptische Kunstwerke aus Schweizer Besitz (Basel, 1978).

³⁸ Barta, *Aufbau und Bedeutung*, S. 58.

³⁹ For the traits of Antaeopolite monuments, see: A. Ilin-Tomich, "Памятники жителей Антеополя в Абидосе конца XII–XIII династии: признаки и общие черты", to be published in: A. O. Bolshakov (ed.), Saint Petersburg Egyptological Readings 2009–2010 (in print).

given’). It is attested on four stelae of Antaeopolite origin: doc. 320, BM 143⁴⁰, Cairo CG 20431 and Marseilles 230⁴¹.

10. The phrase *nht ntr jm.sn*

P. Vernus has noted that the use of *nht ntr jm.sn* (or *nht ntr jm.s*) instead of the traditional *nht ntr jm* is a sign of Second Intermediate Period inscriptions⁴². The material collected in the present study fully supports this view. 19 examples of this phrase are known from the Second Intermediate Period, docs. 226, 242, 283, 284, 347, 370, 372, 375, 376, 388, 401, 407, 422, 426, 429, 436, 460, 461, 475.

The use of this phrase in doc. 139 coinciding with a late writing of *htp-dj-nsw* suggests that we should discard its Thirteenth dynasty date suggested by Franke in PD 732 followed by Grajetzki in GHB III.18. No other examples predating the Second Intermediate Period are known.

11. Designation of the recipient of the offering formula

All known Thirteenth dynasty inscriptions use the form *n k3 n NN* (“to the ka of NN”) to introduce the recipient. A simple designation *n NN* (“to NN”) is attested primarily in the Twelfth dynasty inscriptions: 8 examples are known. It is also attested in doc. 360, an Abydene offering-table produced in Antaeopolis. A Second Intermediate Period date of this monument is suggested by the late writing of *htp dj nsw*, however, the owner of the table could be identical with the Antaeopolite mayor *Jbw* known from the Twelfth dynasty⁴³.

The phrases *n jm3hj* and *n k3 n jm3hj* appear only in the Twelfth dynasty and the Second Intermediate Period. Seven examples are known from the late Twelfth dynasty and 6 from the Second Intermediate Period.

Conclusions

The following features are characteristic of late Twelfth dynasty inscriptions: the spelling of *jhw 3pdw* with or , the phrases *rapt nbt* and *hnkt nbt* and the introduction of the recipient with simple *n NN*.

The Thirteenth dynasty inscriptions can be distinguished by the mention of *Mnw-Hr-Nht* and the spelling of *jhw 3pdw* with or .

The anomalous writings of *Skr*, additional *dj* or *dd* after *htp-dj-nsw* written with an arm-sign, the sign U23 with a leg , the spelling of *jhw 3pdw* with or with overgrown “beef” and “fowl” signs and the phrase *nht ntr jm.sn* are signs of a Second Intermediate Period date.

The following phrases are only attested after the Twelfth dynasty: *3h wsr m3c-hrw* and *jnn hcpj m htpt.f (nfr)*.

The designation of the recipient with *jm3hj* could indicate a date either in the Twelfth dynasty or in the Second Intermediate Period.

Applying these criteria to the inscriptions of Awibre Hor supports placing this king in the Thirteenth dynasty in accordance with the Turin papyrus and contra the considerations of S. Aufrère⁴⁴: his monuments Cairo JE 30952⁴⁵ and JE 30953⁴⁶ spell *jhw 3pdw* as .

List of documents

Catalogue numbers are given in brackets. Dating grounds are given in parentheses: the royal name is specified if a monument is dated by the mention of a specific king; otherwise a reference to a prosopographical study is given where the date is established.

⁴⁰ HTBM II, pl. 44.

⁴¹ Seen de visu on display in the museum.

⁴² Vernus, in: S. Quirke (ed.), Middle Kingdom Studies, p. 149. Unfortunately, I could not access the much-cited unpublished dissertation by Pascal Vernus devoted to the inscriptions from Edfu.

⁴³ For him, see: W. Grajetzki, “Bemerkungen zu den Bürgermeistern (*h3tj-*) von Qaw el-Kebir im Mittleren Reich”, GM 156 (1997): 58–59.

⁴⁴ Aufrère, BIFAO 101 (2001): 1–41.

⁴⁵ J. de Morgan, Fouilles à Dahchour, mars–juin 1894 (Vienne, 1895), p. 94, fig. 218.

⁴⁶ Op. cit., 95, fig. 219.

Datings based on dubious identifications were rejected.

The documents for each period are listed in alphabetical order. First, the monuments appear cited by publications, than those cited by museum numbers.

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- (*htp*). **367.** Cairo JE 38917¹⁴⁰ (Dedumose I). **368.** Cairo JE 42201¹⁴¹ (formula). **369.** Cairo JE 42824¹⁴² (*htp*). **370.** Cairo JE 43362¹⁴³ (formula). **371.** Cairo JE 46200¹⁴⁴ (*htp*, formula). **372.** Cairo JE 46785¹⁴⁵ (*htp*, formula). **373.** Cairo JE 46786¹⁴⁶ (*htp*, formula). **374.** Cairo JE 46988¹⁴⁷ (Dedumose). **375.** Cairo JE 47927¹⁴⁸ (formula). **376.** Cairo JE 48229¹⁴⁹ (*htp*). **377.** Cairo JE 48230¹⁵⁰ (*htp*, formula). **378.** Cairo JE 49566¹⁵¹ (*htp*, formula). **379.** Cairo JE 49793¹⁵² (*htp*). **380.** Cairo JE 52456¹⁵³ (*htp*, formula). **381.** Cairo Temp. 16.2.22.20¹⁵⁴ (formula). **382.** Cairo Temp. 16.2.22.21¹⁵⁵ (*htp*, formula). **383.** Cairo Temp. 16.2.22.22¹⁵⁶ (*htp*, formula). **384.** Cairo Temp. 16.2.22.24¹⁵⁷ (*htp*, formula). **385.** Cairo Temp. 25.10.17.1¹⁵⁸ (*htp*). **386.** Cambridge E.199.1899¹⁵⁹ (*htp*). **387.** Cambridge E.SS.37¹⁶⁰ (*htp*). **388.** Cambridge UM Z 43846¹⁶¹ (formula). **389.** Dublin Na-

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(Senwosret III to Neferusobek), the Thirteenth dynasty and the Second Intermediate Period. On the basis of a study of the offering formulas on 479 datable monuments, the existing dating criteria are reviewed and new approaches are established.

An early date of the king Awibre Hor proposed by S. Aufrère is also disputed.

Summary

The paper focuses on the formal criteria to date the inscriptions currently attributed to the “Late Middle Kingdom” more precisely. This time-span is divided into three periods: the late Twelfth dynasty

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