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THE EGYPTIAN ASYMMETRIC SQUATTING STATUE (II)

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This is a sequel to my article 'Een ongewoon Egyptisch hurkbeeld', published in this Journal IV/13 (1953-1954), 317-321 (with 2 pl.) and (1955), 409 = *AEB* 3352 and 62263. Subject is a rather rare type of sculpture. It depicts a man, woman or child squatting in an unconventional and appealing pose. One leg is raised (foot on the ground), and the other is folded under in the tailor's way¹. The posture is quite functional. Raising the leg means giving support to the child under care of the nurse, the papyrus of the scribe or dignitary, the instrument of the musician and the head of the mourner² or sleeper. The article quoted ends with a chronological list of examples (Dyn. 5-Ptolemaic) mentioned in the literature. The following supplement gives the pieces I came across since.³

45. Sobekemkhent. Limestone. H 31,5 cm. Dyn. 6. From Saqqara. Cairo J.E. 89599. E. Drioton-J.Ph. Lauer, *ASAE* LV (1958), pl. XXVa and p. 242-243.
46. Qar. Limestone. Fragment. Dyn. 6. From Dendera. Philadelphia 29-66-569. H.G. Fischer, *Dendera in the Third Millennium B.C. Down to the Theban Domination of Upper Egypt*, Locust Valley, New York 1968, Pl. Xb and p. 112.
47. Mourner or sleeper. Limestone. 8,2 cm. First I. P. Brussels E 6817. B. Hornemann, *Types of Ancient Egyptian Statuary* II, Copenhagen 1957, pl. 518.
48. God Horus as child. Ivory. 4,8 cm. First I. P.-M. K. From Abydos. London BM EA 54677. S.R.K. Glanville, *JEA* 17 (1931), Pl. XII 7-9 and p. 98-99.
49. Mentuhotep. Sandstone. 110 cm. Dyn. 12. From Karnak. Louvre A 123. E. Delange, *Catalogue des statues égyptiennes du Moyen Empire, 2060-1560 avant J.-C., Musée du Louvre*, Paris 1987, 59-62, ill.
50. Mentuhotep. Sandstone. 89 cm. Dyn. 12. From Karnak. Louvre A 124. E. Delange, *o.c.*, 63-65, ill.
51. Amenhotep⁴. Sandstone. 70 cm. Dyn. 12. From Karnak. Cairo 42036. G. Legrain, *Statues et statuettes de rois et de particuliers* I, Le Caire 1906, pl. XXII and p. 22.
52. (see Pl.) Woman nursing child. Limestone. 11,6 cm. Dyn. 12. From Upper Egypt (?). Brooklyn 51.224. *Five Years of Collecting Egyptian Art 1951-1956*, Brooklyn, N.Y. 1956, pl. 13 and p. 4-5.

¹ Different from the position of the horizontal leg in e.g. Cairo J.E. 91301. Cf. J. van Dijk in *Offerings to the Discerning Eye* (Fs J.A. Josephson), ed. S.H. D'Auria, Leiden-Boston 2010, 326-330.

² Cf. E. Feucht in *Studien zu Sprache und Religion Ägyptens* (Studien W. Westendorf), 2, Göttingen 1984, 1103-1111. See *infra*, 47, 63, 64. Graeco-roman terracotta figures showing a similar attitude are not included.

³ I owe the photo of 52 to Mr. J.D. Cooney; see the plate.

⁴ Original owner Mentuhotep: Delange, *o.c.*, 65.



Woman nursing child (52). Photo courtesy of The Brooklyn Museum.

53. Woman nursing child, Glazed ware. 5,6 cm. Dyn. 12. From el-Lisht. New York, MMA 24.1.49. A. Lansing in *The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Egyptian Expedition 1923-1924*, New York 1924, 38 and fig. 2.

54. Senbebu between two women. Sandstone. 21 cm. Dyn. 12. From Elephantine (?). New York, MMA 56136. H.G. Fischer, *BMMA* 17 (1958-1959), 145-153, ill.

55. Man. Wood. 10 cm. Dyn. 12. Vercelli, Museo Camillo Leone. S. Curto, *L'Egitto antico nelle collezioni dell'Italia settentrionale*, Seconda edizione, Bologna 1961, tav. 57 and p. 117 (no. 201).

56. Scribe. Dark stone. 6,5 cm. Dyn. 18. Detroit 31.70. W.H. Peck, *JEA* 64 (1978), pl. XII, XIII and p. 73-75.

57. Amenmose. Grey granite. 15 cm. Dyn. 19. From Qantir (?). With art-dealer. L. Habachi in *Studies in Honor of George R. Hughes, January 12, 1977*, Chicago 1976, 87-88 and Fig. 23 (p. 98).

58. Sobeknacht. Soapstone. 6 cm approx. N. K. Louvre E 8064. J. Vandier, *Manuel d'archéologie égyptienne, III, Les grandes époques, La statuaire*, Paris 1958, 450, note 11, 674.
59. Hori. Dark stone. 70 cm approx. Dyn. 22. From Karnak. Cairo J.E. 37512. H. Kees, *ZÄS* 83 (1958), T. XIIa and p. 129-138.
60. Akhamenru. Black granite. 50 cm. Dyn. 25. From Karnak. Cairo J.E. 37346. J. Leclant, *JNES* 13 (1954), pl. II, III and p. 155-156.
- 61⁵. Namenkhetamun. Stone. 32,5 cm. Dyn. 25. London BM EA 908. E Graefe, *Untersuchungen zur Verwaltung und Geschichte der Institution der Gottesgemahlin des Amun vom Beginn des Neuen Reiches bis zur Spätzeit*, I, Wiesbaden 1981, T. 15b, 16a and p. 217-218.
62. Lyrist. Bronze. 2,6 cm. Late. Berlin 10309. G. Roeder, *Ägyptische Bronzefiguren*, Berlin 1956, T. 46 d and \$ 388 b, d.
63. Mourner or sleeper. Bronze. 2,6 cm. Late. Hannover B.B. 228. B. Hornemann, *o.c.*, pl. 524; G. Roeder, *o.c.*, T. 81 e and \$ 388 e.
64. Mourner or sleeper. Limestone. 6,8 cm. Late. Hannover 1935.200.677. E. Feucht, *l.c.* (see n. 2), T. 3a and p. 1105-1106.
65. Man. Bronze. 1,5 cm. Graeco-rom. From Memphis. Antwerp 79.1.58. C. de Wit, *Stad Antwerpen, Oudheidkundige Musea, Vleeshuis, Catalogus, VIII, Egypte*, Deurne-Antwerpen 1959, 34, no. 98.

Not included are a statue of the scribe-dignitary type but executed in the Graeco-roman style, from the Drovetti collection⁶ and the figure Brussels E 7301 being completely atypical⁷.

⁵ I owe the reference to Prof. B.V. Bothmer.

⁶ A.M. Donadoni Roveri in *Egypt from myth to Egyptology*, Torino 1990, 237, ill.

⁷ B. Hornemann, *o.c.*, pl. 526.

