

The False-door Stela of Min-hotep (Cairo Museum 17/5/25/7)

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The aim of this paper is briefly to make known an interesting limestone stela which is existing in the Cairo Museum. The only record of its precise archaeological context that has survived is its temporary number 17/5/25/7 (S.R. 12041) and its measurements. It is exhibited in the Museum's lower floor (corridor 14). However, looking for a parallel text, I came unexpectedly across an article by M.G. Daressy entitled 'Stèle fragmentée d'Abousir'¹ which is the same stela of the present article. According to Daressy, the monument in question was found, in the house of one of the inhabitants of the village of Abusir near Saqqara and it was broken into 22 fragments. Identifying the monument and its owner, it was republished eight years later by K. Seth who had only recopied the text without giving the registry number or any comment. Considering that both of the Egyptologists had just given their own copies of the text without any scientific treatment and regarding the shortage and inaccurate reading and comments in the two publications, a new intervention might be useful though necessary. Finally, it must be noted that the inventory number of the stela was incorrectly attested in PM as 18/12/19/1.

¹ In *ASAE* 19, 1920, pp. 127-130. Bearing no inventory number in this article, it is to be noted that the stela was registered in the Museum six years later, precisely in 1925.