The Narmer Catalog

Catalog No.	0129
Name	Narmer(?) serekh from Michailidis Collection
Date (Period)	Dyn. 1
Date (King)	Narmer(?)
Dated By	Royal name
Туре	Marble
Method of Inscription	Incised
Material	Stone
References:	

RegionUnknownSiteUnknownLocalityUnknownDepositoryLos Angeles County Museum of ArtRegistration No.M.80.202.388Dimensions1.5 cm diam. (object)

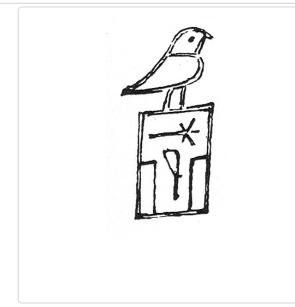
References:

Kaplony, 1965a, p. 6, p. 7, no. 3 Kaplony, 1973, Beschriftete Kleinfunde, p. 4, no. 5, pls. 6 and 18; no. 5 Los Angeles County Museum of Art, M.80.202.388

Comments

This object is unprovenanced, and there are two reasons to doubt its authenticity. First, no game pieces have been excavated from Dynasty 1 tombs (G. Dreyer 2017, personal communication). Second, it appears in the Michailidis Collection catalog as one of nineteen game pieces, each with the name of a 1st Dynasty king (six different kings represented), and one with the two ladies symbol, but no name. It seems inherently implausible that, at a point in history when the Horus Names of these kings were remembered, that they would be treated so disrespectfully as to be used as game pieces . It is similar to nos. 0130, 6024, and 6029, which are also probably forgeries. According to the museum web site the inscription is "likely modern."

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