

Catalog No. 1553**Name** Den mortuary seal impression with *serekh* of Narmer**Date (Period)** Dyn. 1**Date (King)** Den**Dated By** Royal name**Type** Seal (impression)**Method of Inscription** Impressed**Material** Clay**Region** Upper Egypt**Site** Abydos**Locality** Umm el-Qa'ab, Tomb T (Den)**Depository** Petrie Museum (University College London); Abydos
(German excavations)**Registration No.** UC36981; Ab K 1486-99, Ab K 1506-8, Ab K 1500a-i**Dimensions** 3.2 cm H, 5.2 cm L (object, UC36981)**References:**

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Kaiser, 1987, pp. 115-119,

Goedicke, 1993, pp. 72-77,

Wilkinson, 2000, p. 26,

Cervelló Autuori, 2003, pp. 168-175,

Kahl, 2006, pp. 96-97,

Cervelló Autuori, 2008, pp. 887-99,

Pätznick, 2009, pp. 310-313,

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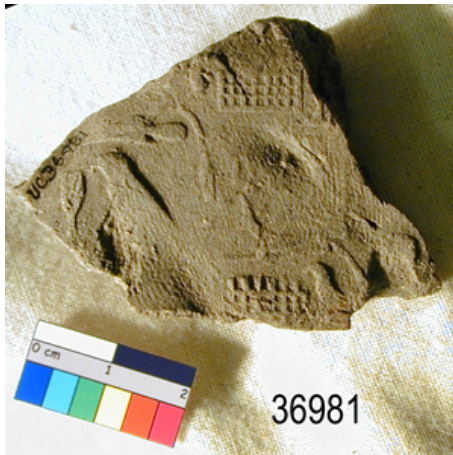
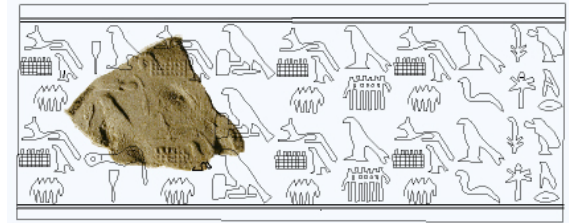
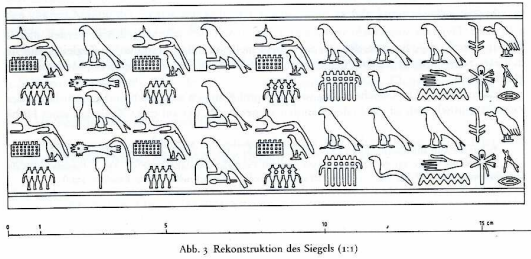
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Comments

Günter Dreyer (personal communication, 2016) and Köhler 2013 describe the Narmer symbol (in addition to the chisel) as a catfish with a bull's tail (Köhler describes as simply a tail). Wilkinson 2000, Pätznick 2009, and Regulski 2010 describe the first sign of Narmer's name in this inscription as an animal skin, and not a catfish.

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Editor's Note: The tail on the catfish may symbolize royal power, similar to the portrayal of Narmer on the Narmer Palette, where he is depicted wearing a bull's tail.



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a) Verschluß A, Rückseite mit Riemenabdrücken (2:3)

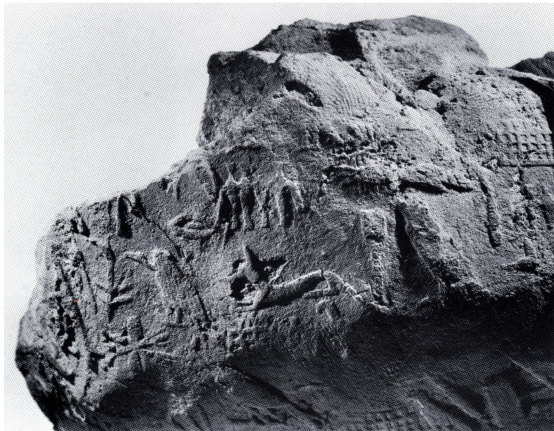
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a) Abschnitt des 1. Streifens der Siegelabrollungen (links oben, 2:1)

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b) Fragment B mit Abdrücken vom unteren Siegelrand (1:1)

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b) Abschnitt des 4. Streifens der Siegelabrollungen (rechts unten, 2:1)

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c) Fragment C mit Abdruck vom unteren Siegelrand (2:1)

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