

Catalog No. 6010**Name** Unusual Narmer(?) *serekh* (?) from Tel Erani (Tel Gat)**Date (Period)** Dyn. 1**Date (King)** Narmer(?)**Dated By** Archaeological context**Type** Vessel**Method of Inscription** Incised**Material** Pottery**Region** The Southern Levant**Site** Tel Erani (Tel Gat)**Locality** Unknown**Depository** Unknown**Registration No.** Gat D60/403/30**Dimensions** 1.5 cm H, 1.6 cm L (inscription); 2.7 cm H, 4.0 cm L (object)**References:**

Yeivin, 1963, pp. 205-213, p. 207, fig. 2, pl. 39.2

Ward, 1969, p. 216,

Anđelković, 1995, p. 42, p. 46, fig. 17.6

van den Brink, 2001, pp. 37-39, p. 39, fig. 24

Regulski, Database of Early Dynastic Inscriptions,

Comments

The site Tel Erani is also referred to as Tel Gath or Tell Areine.

This object was a surface find.

Yeivin 1963 reads the inscription as “Nar(mer)”. Van den Brink 2001 reads it as Ny-Hor, whom he says was probably a regional king earlier than Narmer. According to Hendrickx (personal communication, 2016) this is not a *serekh*. Ward 1969 also agrees that it is not a *serekh*, and suggests that it is a "potter's mark". Regulski dates this to Naqada IIIB-C1.

Editor's Note: There is little doubt that this is not a *serekh* of Narmer, but it is included because of the controversy.

