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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.

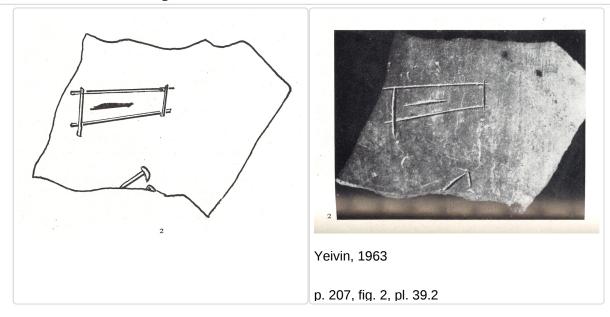
This object was a surface find.

Yeivin 1963 reads the inscrition as "Nar(mer)". Van den Brink 2001 reads it as Ny-Hor, whom he says was probably a regional king earlier then 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 Nagada 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.

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