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Object Identification Service

The Penn Museum strictly follows the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of Cultural Properties. The Penn Museum will attempt to identify objects and/or provide general information, free of charge for private individuals, for objects that meet the requirements of the UNESCO Convention (i.e. with respect to antiquities, they must have been imported into the United States by 1970 or, if after 1970, then they must have appropriate import documentation). The Penn Museum cannot provide authentication, monetary appraisal, or formal/written identification.

PROCEDURE FOR OBJECT IDENTIFICATION

The Penn Museum provides Object Identification Services only for objects that are currently located in the United States. Objects should *not* be brought to the Museum for the purpose of identification without explicit written approval by Museum Staff.

All inquiries must be directed (preferably by email) to registrar@pennmuseum.org

Postal inquiries may be sent to:

The Registrar's Office
Penn Museum
3260 South Street
Philadelphia PA 19104-6324

Tel: (215) 898-4088 (only for follow-up purposes or clarifications)

Please include the following:

- Information pertaining to the history or acquisition of the object(s) (how did you come to have it in your possession and where was it before, if known). This information may provide useful clues to the cultural identity or date of an object.
- Photograph(s) or digital image(s) of the object(s). Digital images should be less than 1 MB and sent as email attachments. Please include a ruler or scale in the photo to indicate the size of the object(s). Links to external websites normally cannot be accessed.
- Your address and phone number.

The Object Identification Service is made through consultations at the convenience of Museum Staff who may not be readily available due to professional obligations. The process may take approximately one to three months.