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ANCIENT EGYPTIAN MUMMIFIED BODY OF A HAWK

AN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN MUMMIFIED BODY OF A HAWK SACRED TO THE GOD HORUS
CONTAINED IN A VICTORIAN WOODEN CASE
AN OLD PAPER LABEL TO THE REVERSE: 'MUMMIFIED HAWK FROM A TOMB IN THE VALLEY OF THE KINGS NEAR THEBES ABOUT 5000 BC'
LATE DYNASTIC PERIOD / 747 – 332BC
SIZE: CASE: 8.5CM HIGH, 30.5CM WIDE, 21CM DEEP - 3¼ INS HIGH, 12 INS WIDE, 8¼ INS DEEP

LITERATURE

DURING THE LATE DYNASTIC PERIOD IN ANCIENT EGYPT A CATACOMB WAS CONSTRUCTED AT SAGGARA SPECIFICALLY FOR MUMMIFIED HAWKS SACRED TO HORUS. RECENT EXAMINATION OF A NUMBER OF THESE MUMMIES HAS SHOWN THEM TO COMPRISE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF BIRDS OF PREY. THE HORUS-FALCON IMAGE MAY THEREFORE HAVE BEEN REGARDED AS INTERCHANGEABLE WITH A WHOLE RANGE OF OTHER BIRDS OF PREY.