



Stele of Prince Hapu and Queen Abeteni

Date

1802-1640 BCE

Primary Maker

Artist Unknown

Medium

limestone

Description

This stele depicts the deceased prince Hapu and his mother Queen Iabten seated around an offering table. The hieroglyphic text below them contains a prayer asking for offerings for Hapu. This rare thirteenth dynasty stele comes from Abydos, the burial spot of the god Osiris, where Egyptians established small chapels with steles in hopes of sharing the offerings brought to Osiris. Hapu's actual burial was likely in another location.

Dimensions

Overall: 17 5/8 x 11 1/2 x 3 1/4 in. (44.8 x 29.2 x 8.3 cm)