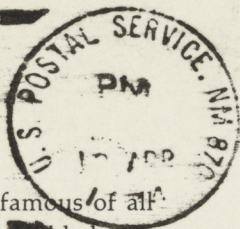


411 Guard SE
Albuquerque, N.M. 87106

Carnarvon Head of Sesostri III
Egyptian, XII Dynasty, ca. 1850 B.C.
Red quartzite
Height: 6½ inches



This face, though sadly broken, is the most famous of all the extant portraits of Sesostri III. The heavy-lidded eyes, furrowed brow, and lined cheeks are those of his sphinx, but the expression of the mouth seems melancholy rather than disdainful. The head, for all its fleshlike quality, is carved in one of the hardest stones used by the Egyptians.

Hayes, W. C., "Royal Portraits of the Twelfth Dynasty."
The Metropolitan Museum of Art Bulletin, n.s., Vol. V
(December, 1946), pp. 119-24.

26.7.1394 The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Carnarvon Collection, Gift of Edward S. Harkness, 1926.

Dear Ms. Gilpin - Wednesday

Just a note to thank you for the delightful lunch and interview in your home. You are most gracious and interesting. Please remember to let me return a lunch when you come to Albuquerque.

PH 7-17 Printed in Western Germany

Thanks! Elizabeth Jones

Saura Gilpin
408 Camino
Monk Sol
Santa Fe
New Mexico

