



"The Mysterious Tomb of Nefersekheru"

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Egyptologists have known about the Tomb of Nefersekheru, steward of Amenhotep III's palace at Malkata, since the time of Champollion, but never fully investigated or recorded it. Only partly completed during Nefersekheru's lifetime, the tomb was abandoned after his death. His names and titles, deliberately erased from the monument, consigned his memory to oblivion.

Now, it is the subject of a comprehensive excavation and documentation program by the Epigraphic Survey (the study of inscriptions and epigraphs as writing), of the Oriental Institute (University of Chicago). TT 107 is beginning to reveal the many curious and sometimes baffling features of its architecture, decoration and funerary inscriptions.



Dr. J. Brett McClain is a Research Associate at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago and Senior Epigrapher with the Institute's Epigraphic Survey in Luxor. He has served on the expedition staff since 1998. A specialist in the hieroglyphic inscriptions of the Late and Greco-Roman periods, Dr. McClain received his PhD in Egyptology from the University of Chicago.

Dr. McClain has authored publications on Theban ritual, cosmological, and commemorative texts. He is currently compiling the documentation and publication of inscribed material from both standing and fragmentary monuments of the New Kingdom, the Late and Ptolemaic dynasties, and Roman Egypt.

A respected speaker on ancient Egyptian history and epigraphy, Dr. McClain frequently gives on-site lectures to groups visiting Luxor and its monuments, particularly the temples and tombs on the west bank of the Nile.

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