



Faience shabtis of a temple overseer. Rebecca Marr © Stromness Museum

Ancient Egyptian Collections in Scottish Museums Highlands and Islands

Scottish Ancient Egyptian Collections Review

Stromness Museum

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Location of Collections

In storage

52 Alfred Street
Stromness
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Size of collections

<10 objects

Published Information

Online collections: www.stromnessmuseum.org.uk

Collection Highlights

- Two faience shabtis of a temple overseer, Thebes (c.1145 – 986 BC).
- Eight scarab seals/beads (modern).

Collection Overview

Stromness Museum is an independent museum maintained and managed by a committee of volunteers elected from the members of the Orkney Natural History Society, founded in December 1837. The collection was initially housed at 110 Victoria Street, Stromness before being moved to a room in the Commercial Hotel in 1854. It moved to its current premises in 1862.

The primary collections of Stromness Museum are focused on the maritime and natural history and ethnography of Orkney, promoting local history and natural science. The Museum also holds collections of archaeology and social history. Within the collection, there are a small number of ancient Egyptian objects. The highlight of this small collection is two Third Intermediate Period faience shabtis of a temple overseer.

According to early donations reports published in 1837 and 1839, the Museum was gifted a 'mummy cloth'. This was not identified during a recent collection inventory.

Known Donors and Sites Represented

Sites

Site	Excavator/season	No of objects	Objects
Thebes		2	Shabti

Probably Thebes		8	Scarab seals/beads
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Donors

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>No of Objects</i>	<i>Objects</i>
Unknown			

Object types

Shabti, scarabs (modern).

Key Object Images

Modern Scarabs



Faience shabtis, Thebes (c.1145 – 986 BC)

