Basic Detail Report



Credit Line
Museum Purchase
Object number

1913.510

Published References

Title

Sumerian Clay Tablet Documenting Sheep and Goats for the Temple

Date

2050 BCE

Dimensions

 $1.1/4 \times 1.1/8 \times 9/16$ in. $(3.1 \times 2.8 \times 1.5 \text{ cm})$

Medium

Clay

Classifications

Utilitarian Objects

Langdon, S., "Miscellanea Assyriaca," Babyloniaca, 7, 1922-1923, p. 78, n. 13.

Kang, S.T., Sumerian Economic texts from the Drehem Archive, Urbana, 1972, pp. 32-40.

Van der Meiroop, Marc, "Cuneiform Tablets from The Toledo Museum of Art," *Revue d'Assyriologie*, no. 1, 1985, p. 18, repr. p. 27. "Babyloniaca 07, 078 13 Artifact Entry." (2001) 2024. Cuneiform Digital Library Initiative (CDLI). August 15, 2024. https://cdli.ucla.edu/P104771. http://bdtns.filol.csic.es /catalogo directo new.php?numBDTS=003753 https://oracc.museum.upenn.edu/epsd2/P104771

Collections

Decorative Arts

Label Text

This clay tablet is an administrative record from the Ur III period (ca. 2100–2000 BCE), documenting the delivery of sheep and goats to a temple stock-yard. Written in Sumerian cuneiform, it mentions individuals involved in the transaction and references an intercalary month. The text also marks a historical event—the destruction of Simurum and Lulubu for the ninth time. The tablet originates from Puzriš-Dagan (modern Drehem, Iraq), a key economic center of the time.

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