

Basic Detail Report

**Title**

Sumerian Clay Tablet Recording Sheep Transaction

Artist**Date**

2043 BCE

Dimensions

15/16 × 7/8 × 1/2 in. (2.4 × 2.3 × 1.2 cm)

Medium

Clay

Classifications

Utilitarian Objects

Credit Line

Museum Purchase

Object number

1913.512

Published References

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Collections

Decorative Arts

Label Text

This clay tablet is an administrative record from the Ur III period (ca. 2100–2000 BC). It was excavated at Puzriš-Dagan (modern Drehem, Iraq) and records a livestock transaction, documenting the receipt of sheep and goats. The cuneiform text, written in Sumerian, follows a standard bureaucratic format used in Mesopotamian record-keeping. Tablets like this one provide valuable insight into the economic and administrative systems of the time.

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