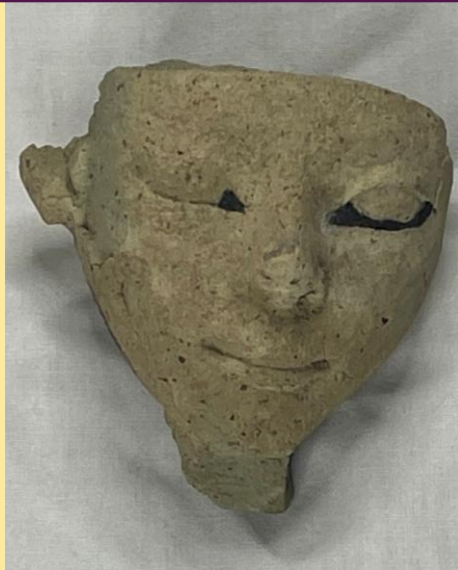


What is it made of?

The item is a bit rough in texture, with lots of little bits of gravel included, which leads us to believe this is made from a type of marl clay, type . Marl clay was a type of clay in Egypt that was found especially in upper Egypt. This clay can often be a mixture of Nile clay and limestone leaving a tough, light colour clay. (Rzeuska, 2012)



An image of the object.
(Williams, 2025)

Where is it from?

The materials used, size and general style lead us to this he's probably from towards south of Ancient Egypt (Dodson, 1998; Garstang, 1907) .

When was this object made?

We find faces like his most often in the early 18th dynasty tombs, so around 1,500 BCE. (De La Torre Robles et al., 2022; Dodson, 1998)

HOWEVER...

Because of how this object came to be in the collection, and the fact that it wasn't found with any connecting objects, all of these ideas are mainly guesswork based off lots of other pieces which look similar.

What do we think this is?

We think this is a part of a coffin! Many coffins of this time had a very small face (and this one only measures to 5.6 x 5.7cm) and a lot of feather decorations all around them, which there is an example of below. This face is interesting, because the back of it has a smooth notch, which could mean it was removable to help reuse the coffins (Cooney ,2025; Dodson, 1998) .



Above: A mask from Liverpool World museum(Mummy Mask, n.d.)

Bibliography

Cooney, K. (2025, March 19). When is it OK to recycle a coffin? The rules of the reuse game in Ancient Egypt - the ancient Near East today. *The Ancient Near East Today - Current News About the Ancient Past*.

<https://anetoday.org/recycle-coffin-egypt/>

De La Torre Robles, Y., Serrano, A. J., Mahmoud, H. S., Din, O. a. M. E., & Riudavets, P. M. (2022). *A decade of excavations in Qubbet El-Hawa: the results of the University of Jaén : catalogue of the exhibition*.

<https://investigacion.ujaen.es/documentos/6644fb311728a37d32cc9b23?lang=en>

Dodson, A. (1998). A funerary mask in Durham and mummy adornment in the late second intermediate period and early Eighteenth Dynasty. *The Journal of Egyptian Archaeology*, 84, 93. <https://doi.org/10.2307/3822207>

Garstang. (1907). *Burial Customs of Ancient Egypt*. University of Liverpool.

Mummy mask. (n.d.). National Museums Liverpool.

<https://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/artifact/mummy-mask>

Williams, K. (2025, October 10) *Image of object CCM 175.996*
[Photograph]

Rzeuska, T. (2012). Grain, water and wine. Remarks on the Marl A3 Transport-Storage Jars from Middle Kingdom Elephantine. *Pan-pl*.

https://www.academia.edu/1512978/Grain_water_and_wine_Remarks_on_the_Marl_A3_Transport_Storage_Jars_from_Middle_Kingdom_Elephantine?source=swp_share