

# Ancient Mariners in America

Beverley H. Moseley, Jr. A catalogue and discussion of funeral art and epigraphy from Burrows Cave



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#### **Dedicated**

to my bother, **Victor Moseley**, founder of the Midwestern Epigraphic Society, who set an example of leadership and contributing to others;

to William Turner who taught me how to see; and

to my **Ohio State University College of Fine Arts faculty** who taught me how to think.

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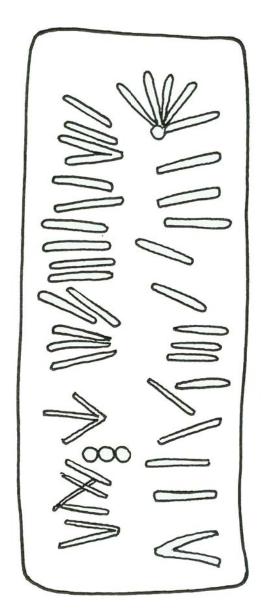
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◀ Facing page: Egyptian coin inscribed with Celtiberic characters spelling "Ptolemy". According to Wikipedia, "The Ptolemaic dynasty was a Hellenistic royal family which ruled the Ptolemaic Empire in Egypt for nearly 300 years, from 305 BC to 30 BC."



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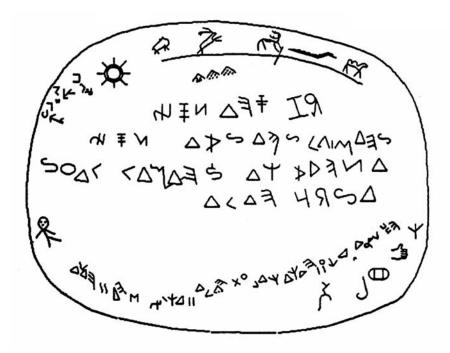


#### **Preface: Further Historical Remarks**

Cyclone Covey, DFMES

YUCHIS PRESERVED the memory of a great mausoleum with archive and gold situated boob-trapped in the Little Wabash Skillet Fork vicinity of southern Illinois. The last Yuchi sun-king (zopathla) Samuel Brown, Jr., of Mathis, Texas, during a visit to Columbus, Georgia, the last das of October 1957, two months before his December 31 death, confided to Joseph B. Mahan, the leading student of Yuchi history, the secret existence of this mausoleum and another like it somewhere in mountains of east Tennessee. Twenty-four years and seven months later, April 2, 1982, Col. Russell Burrows, 47, of Olney, Illinois, stepped on the edge of a flat oval-shaped 225-pound stone which nearly flipped him down a 12foot shaft. The grinding of a heel as he slipped prevented the stone's closing over him as intended. He later discovered the walled hole to be smooth and decorated with a large face and curious-looking symbols. Thus began his search of the valley for more symbols. The depth of the cliff walls ranged from 25 feet to 40 feet and undercut to some degree. He found himself facing, near ground level, a masonry-walled entrance of cut and fitted lime/sand stone, what Prof. Warren Cook of Castleton College subsequently named Burrows Cave. It was linch pinned from within. On the sixth laborious day, Burrows knocked the linchpin out, dismantled the limestone blocks, and in time explored beside the stream that had hollowed the cave for 193-plus yards which he mapped. Though crawling to within sound of torrentially rushing water, he never found the exit.

ALL HE BEHELD ran consistently Mediterranean, specifically what had been Carthaginian North Algeria and Morocco (together Roman Mauretania) plus southern Spain directly across the sea north – joined with American Hopewell.



▲ Stone lid near the entrance to Burrows Cave

Hopewell, named for Capt. Mordecai C. Hopewell, mounds on whose farm near Chillicothe first defined the culture, may have been an empire. Centered in southern Ohio, west West Virginia, and north Kentucky, it extended vastly under gracile Illinois Indians who had learned their high culture from robust invaders from the Gulf called Adena after a mound, also near Chillicothe, on the estate of Territorial Governor Thomas Worthington, who had named his stone mansion Adena.

The languages inscribed on the thousands of votive stones

exhibited the unique mix of Mauretania plus Carthaginian south Spain: Egyptian, Punic, Greek koine, Numidian (i.e. Old Libyan or Berber), Hebrew, Latin, and Celtiberic – precisely the mix of Hannibal's army and which astonishingly recurred creolized as the latest layer of Central Algonquin. Carthaginian gold coins, repeated representations of Carthaginian deities Ba'al and Tanit and Carthaginian ships leave little doubt of Neo-Punic impress. Egyptian influence abounded – eight-plus-foot animal-headed, cone-capped statues with one foot forward, water-tight masonry crypts like those in the Valley of the Kings (and the tomb of King Juba II and Queen Kleopatra Selene at the Mauretanian capital Caesaria, formerly the Carthaginian port Iol, today Cherchell, Alg.); hieroglyphics, pharoanic uraeus on kings' portraits, Anubis, etc. The religion of all North Africa, including Carthage, remained Egyptian. Mauretania's queen Kleopatra Selene retained Egyptian forms, even to representing herself like her mother as Isis on her coins, though she spoke Greek of her native Alexandria. A cult of Isis had sprung at Rome. King Juba retained the religion of Numidia, which Augustus traded him for Mauretania, whose ritual religious language, as of Mauretanian Hopewell, in all probability remained Egyptian. Animals drawn on the stones include remembered lions, elephants, and whales.

The recurrent "Mystic Symbol," found so extensively in Michigan mounds, recurred in Burrows Cave, indicating Christian Egyptians, *i.e.* Copts. The Symbol, David Deal taught, is Hebrew *Jahweh*, reading right-left. A five-foot standing crucifix, together with stones depicting Easter Resurrection, emphasize Christianity of Roman imperial centuries.

Yuchis represented Asian heritage, notably in the cave's recurrent Central Asian Mahayana Buddhist Thunderbird, distinct from the Algonquin, although turbaned Levite Yuchis conducted their intertribal teaching of dances and medicine in Algonquin, reserving their own Scythian/Sogdian language to themselves. They grew confused about the ocean they crossed while eventually

spreading to Florida, but he *Uto* in *Uto-Aztec* was the Silk Road pronunciation of *Yuchi*. We no longer doubt their migration in the great Uto-Aztec movement impelled by Tibetan conquest of Shan Shan Province 663 A.D., resumed 669. Yuchis likely account for the two-hump Bactrian camel depicted in an animal procession on the lid stone's underside, as for turbans rarely depicted.

Hebrew lettering along with triangle-based menorahs, shofar, harp, and a notable curse prayer in Bat-Creek Bar Kokhba Hebrew recall Mauretania, which welcomed Jews from both Judea and Alexandria in great numbers, swarming similarly to Spain, thenceforth known as *Sephardic*. Massive suppression of the 40 A.D. Mauretanian Revolt and Mauretanian Jewish Revolt coinciding with the Bar Kokhba rebellion c. 75 years later resulted in hordes of Jewish refugees who with other Mauretanians fled over Atlas Mountains to the Atlantic coast of Morocco, blank enormous desperate country-less population pool each time.

Paul Schaffranke discovered many Burrows inscriptions. *Latin*, written retrograde in Chalkidic alphabet like Etruscan. A Burrows mapstone reverse showing the Baetis and site of Caesar's last two battles of the Civil War refers to *Romulans*, settlements Caesar founded for war veterans, who come largely from Liguria and Tuscany, which held onto the Etruscan retrograde writing of Greek, and from Campania, which held onto Archaic Chalkidic retrograde Greek of the Bay of Naples region.

The Greek inscriptions, though recognizable as Greek, have faded nearly illegible, but should have been expected since Ptolemaic Greek of Alexandria prevailed as lingua franca (*koine*) of the entire Mediterranean through Roman times. Queen Selene spoke her native Alexandrine Greek. While retaining Egyptian religious forms, she employed legends only in Greek on her coins. Juba II wrote a third of his known 50 books in Greek (the rest in Latin). Scrolls sticking out of a burial urn in the Burrows Cave main crypt tantalize as possibly lost books of Juba. Burrows did not risk dam-

aging to unroll, so there they remain. Did Yuchi tradition of an archive refer to such scrolls? Or to inscribed rocks?

Multiple tongue inscriptions particularly arrest, but baffle because their Egyptian runs to late that even Very Late Egyptian dictionaries treat of the language many centuries earlier. Viewers versed in 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Dynasty Egypt (and earlier) often berate discrepancies from their familiarity. Much in *not* discrepant, but the stones reflect holdover Egyptian custom more than 1200 years after Ramesu III, far outside Egypt, as filtered through Carthage, Greek Alexandria, and Berberization.

The cave mapstones show progressive stages in knowledge of the Mississippi system, sough up (rather Ohio down). In the Roman manner of designating cities by dots, the latest Mississippi=system mapstones locate Mandan villages on the Missouri (also a city at the location of Burrows Cave). Mapstones from the cave that delineate the Andalusian Guadalquivir (labeled Baetis, as Romans called it) are carved in the same style, indicating rough contemporaneity. They could not date before Caesar's battle at Munda, correctly designated by dot, or Caesar's founding of Romulans. Other stones depict Caesar unmistakably and so labeled, with uraeus, thus postdating his union with Kleopatra which to cave ceremonialists made him pharaoh of Egypt in the line of Ptolemy I, who is also depicted and so labeled, as is Juba II. These figures doubtless continued memorialized indefinitely later but not earlier.

THROUGHOUT THE STONES,  $\Lambda\Pi$  is commemorated, often associated with the sun and sunrays, once with three suns signifying Good Friday to Easter. The logo  $\Lambda\Pi$  should form the Greek syllables Hi-li (reading retrograde) abbreviating Helios ("Sun"), confirmed not only by associated rays but when appearing written out,

rough he sough would he

▲ Reads, "Sign and knowledge in this place, he knows (the Sky God)"

otherwise left-right:  $\omega\Lambda\Pi\sigma\chi$  ("o Helios," *omega* lower-case, x terminal s instead of s). It identifies the revered six-foot king in the Egyptian type sarcophagus of the main crypt, whose lone stone depicts him a young man in Roman armor. Other stones portray him also middle-aged and bearded old, in both Roman and native garb. The dozen other royal crypts evidently contain the remains of family and retinue murdered to keep him company in the next world, a custom all too prevalent in ancient America, Ur, Shang China, and medieval Nubia. Additional burials occurred, because Burrows saw human bones washed outside the royal crypts in deep silt.

We surmise Helios the twin of Queen Selene ("Moon"), children of Antony and Kleopatra VII brought up together with Juba II as imperial hostages in Rome. Roman texts document Helios until his disappearance at age 20, 20 B.C., the year Selene gave birth to Ptolemy XV, cutting Prince Helios out of the succession, suggesting he sought a kingdom elsewhere. His brother-in-law King Juba would have outfitted him with a fleet, provisions, and gold, glad to

see a potential rival to his son depart afar. Juba had sent out an expedition that discovered the Canaries consisted of nine islands, and as Numidian royal heir had learned the Carthaginian secret of getting to the Gulf of Mexico. The route from Veracruz inside Florida and up the Mississippi to the Ohio had been sailed constantly since Archaic Poverty Point times.

Helios did not likely penetrate Algonquin Hopewell southern Illinois from the Ohio as conqueror – Burrows thought as pirate in the secluded valley with water access in all directions. The cave stones portray many ethnic types including black African, in many hairdos an style of dress, implying a large commercial center. Helios likely became a *chichi* (satrap) in the Hopewell imperial system, organized (as it held over in the South) as a hierarchy of chiefs

called suns subject to the Great Sun, presumably at a major site like Newark. When the Hopewell empire disintegrated on and north of the Ohio, probably from pandemic, the "suns" below became autonomous kings, but retention of *chechi* in their titles, as in *chufytachechi* of Coosa Province (Alabama to the Carolina coast) as brutal Hernando de Soto found it betrays erstwhile subordination.

#### CEREMONIAL COMMEMORATION of the Mauretanian satrapy

founder continued regularly in the cave into the early Middle Ages, Roman lamps at 25-foot intervals along the walls blackening the ceiling with soot; but the bulk of votive stones date from earlier centuries A D. The sudden rise and imperial advance of Cahoka due west threatened the large community residing in the cave jurisdiction, whose latest pottery, borderline Woodland/ Mississippian c. 800  $\pm 50$ , dates the cave's sealing and abandonment. During its long dormancy, February 7, 1812, the New Madrid earthquake changed the landscape of the



▲ Animal-headed form, possibly an Egyptian goddess

cave environs and reversed its stream, violently flooding the thousands of votive stones toward the entrance with silt nine to 12 feet deep, leaving a maximum two-foot below the ceiling to crawl upon.

THE CAVE PARTOOK of its larger context. Carthaginian gold coins and Tanit drawings turn up distantly outside it. Mystic Symbol also, cemetery guardian Anubis, inscriptions in Egyptian,

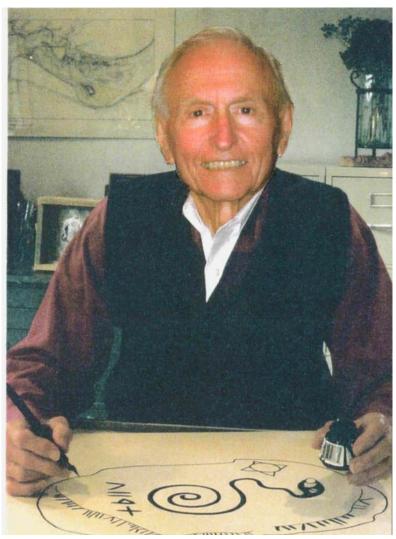
Labyan and Numidian, Neo-Punic, Hebrew, Greek, Latin, and Celtiberic (in both alphabetic letters and ogham), Central Asian Thunderbird and turbans, menorahs, Cross of David, and repetitious motif of a serpent swallowing or about to swallow the night sun, duplicated as far as Kansas and Ontario and in the enormous Great Serpent Mound that winds on a slope overlooking Brush Creek Bend, northwest of Locus Grove, south Ohio. The concept was known in Egypt where the serpent was called *Apep*, but J.J. White regards it immemorially native in middle U.S. Hopewell culture in any case ran heavily snakeminded. Among the stones of many hues, types and sizes, the most conspicuous run coal black. Wayne May said their mudstone strews the bank and thrusts in strata along Big River north of the Little Wabash. Bob Harmon in or before October 1999 found an oval blank on that river which a Burrows Caveman had left unfinished. Malleable for sculpting, mudstone hardens to rock in the sun and takes on a gloss.

AN ANONYMOUS ARCHAEOLOGIST, age 40, undertook excavation of the cave May 2000. Against Burrows' warning he months later revved a jackhammer on an obstructing ten-ton boulder, shaking down the fragile ceiling, which hundred of tons of soil overlaid. We do not hear the fate of the archaeologist, but his project lapsed. The masonry crypts possibly withstood. One day at colossal effort and expense, giant bulldozers – if ever locating the collapse – might uncover their scrolls and gold along with uncounted thousands more inscribed stones lodged in silt.

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#### INTRODUCTION

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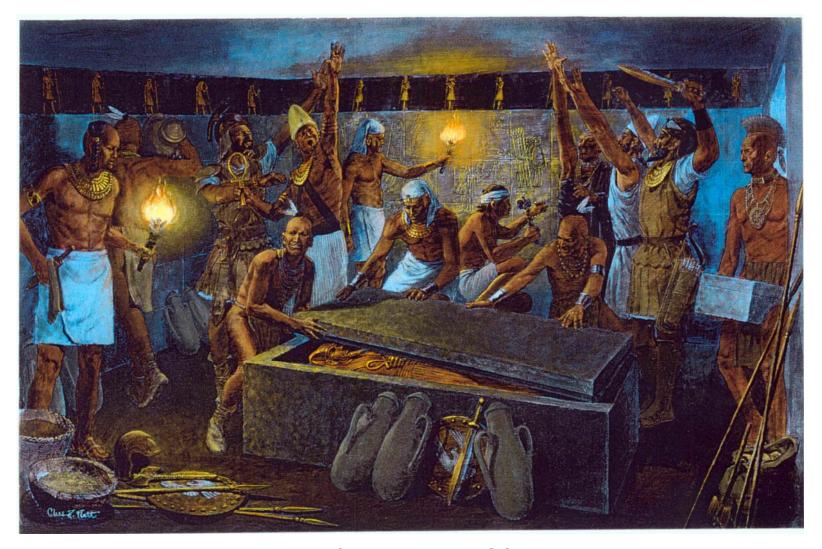
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I have focused my attention for the past ten years on collecting photographs of carved mudstones said to have come from Burrows Cave in southern Illinois. I now have ten binders of photos, and a small collection of the inscribed stones. The total number of objects discovered exceeds 4,000, not including precious stones or coins. Most of the stones were bought by collectors from across the country.

I shall state that one artifact out of ten would qualify to be considered an object of great art. However, for the purpose of scholarship, we must also consider pieces that are less outstanding, not so beautiful and even poor.

Since most are inscribed on dark, rounded or curved surfaces, and the Midwestern Epigraphic Society, of which I am a member, was in need of a drawing of the artifacts for identification purposes, I photographed and/or made a comprehensive drawing of almost 2,000 pieces. The curved surface of many of the mudstones impedes an accurate duplication for scholars, especially the stones with lettering. In any case the engraving is so shallow that a single photograph in a small format does not do justice to the content. The curved surface can require more than one focus. Therefore, I made the effort to provide the drawings which assist in seeing the carvings well. Some of these drawings are recorded in this book.

Burrows Cave art may offer clues and the opportunity to trace some of the heritage of these mariners by showing the relationship between North American Indians and their counterparts abroad. We have a comparison study showing adaptation with the source material from the cave, customs from North Africa with similar traits carried into the heartland of America and related to specific American and Canadian tribes.



#### THEY CAME TO BURROWS CAVE

This illustration is based on the eye-witness description provided by Russell Burrows of an ancient burial chamber which he discovered in south-central Illinois. He described what he saw for illustrator Charles Platt of the Midwestern Epigraphic Society, Columbus, Ohio, in 1988. Platt prepared this drawing

showing a burial party of overseas visitors who came to the new world to bury their dead. The manners of dress were taken from the cave artifacts which relate to the styles of clothing worn in North African countries sixteen hundred years ago.

#### THE STORY OF STONE ART

The purpose of this book is to illustrate the beauty of these stone art objects, while also showing the wealth of information they provide. The artifacts of Burrows Cave were discovered by Russell Burrows of Olney, Illinois in 1982. The photographs of the rock art in this book are of line and relief portraits carved in stone by ancient travelers to America.

While the site of the cave itself remains undisclosed, Mr. Burrows claims to have removed about 4,000 small objects. His story has been written up in several books by Mr. Burrows and others (see bibliography).

From the size of known collections, we think approximately 2,500 of these objects were sold by Mr. Burrows to interested collectors around the country. Most of these people have collaborated with the Midwestern Epigraphic Society (MES) in our endeavor to catalog as many artifacts as possible. My photographs and sketches document about 2,000 of the objects. It is hoped that proper archaeological investigation of the cave, when it becomes possible, will clarify the provenance of the artifacts. This is a treasure trove of individually executed art works in a great variety of styles, deposited as grave goods in Knox County in southern Illinois.

These objects have had a difficult history. In 1983, Russell Burrows submitted his discovery to the press, and original pieces were sent to the Department of Archaeology in Springfield, Illinois. The department showed a total lack of interest: it made no response and did not open the shipment to examine the contents. In 1984 hundreds of the artifacts were placed on display at the Sohoptopatobac Museum, administered by Jack Ward, Vincennes, Indiana. The museum was opened by appointment to school groups, researchers, writers and photographers. The most impressive collection of prints

were 350 color photographs of the artifacts taken in 1987 by Virginia Hourigan and Warren Dexter, a member of the Midwestern Epigraphic Society. Most of my photos were taken from my collection, from which I have selected the items for this book.

Anomalies found in the cave parallel the manufacturing of archaic cultural tools, specifically axes, which are discovered across the USA by the millions. Whether these stone tools or weapons were just picked up and reused or created as new tools is not known. However, the addition of the beautiful linear designs is a stroke of extraordinary creative invention by the artifact maker. Personally, I have seen thousands of these distinct axes but never before have I seen a sculptured head appear on the head of a stone tool.

The material selected by the Burrows Cave artisan(s) range from typical glaciated boulders (granite family), along with sandstone and limestone. A great many were made from light-colored off-white and tan marble. Russell Burrows estimated that he recovered 30 axes with more to be found.

The most abundant artifact discovered from the cave has been described by others as "lithic" limestone, but this is a misconception. Author Ralph Mayers *The Artist's HandBook* correctly identifies lithographic limestone invented in 1798 and used extensively in printing as a stone used in transferring images of ink to paper. Lithographic limestone, found only in Solnhofen, Bavaria, was the stone with which the inventor Senefelder perfected his original transfer process. In the process of preparing the stone, acid changes the molecular structure of the atoms which adhere the ink to the stone. The stone has a lower hardness, surfaces are subject to disintegration when submerged in water over a period of time.

There are over 300 inscribed stones excavated from which I have selected a few for this publication. These inscriptions are world class and will help decipher the course of the history of the Americas, once they are translated.

In these historic works we have a legacy of how the ancients thought, what they understood and how versatile they were in their ability to communicate. These are votive stones, prepared for life after death and stowed away for eternity in a cave remote from their ancestral home.

Many of the tablets bear several ancient alphabets, superb in the manner in which they are executed. The skill the ancient scribe possessed shows professionalism and would challenge the finest calligraphers today. Their layout and design show a remarkable spontaneity in relation to the shape of the stone, "everything fits nicely into place." The lettering forms hang together and make for a cohesive script which invites the eye to follow. To my knowledge, this is the largest collection of Celtiber writing that exists in the world. The images "dance across the stone." The artist or artists definitely had a feeling for what he had to say in a lasting, comprehensive manner.

Michel Boutet wrote me, "What we have here are the most extensive texts in Celtic (ancestor to Old Irish), and the longest first-hand records made by Druids. If I am not over reacting, these are the only sacred texts (sets of hymns made by the ancient Druids), the others being second-hand accounts and glosses by Christian monks. The contents of the Burrows Cave are so incredible that they could start more than just a controversy – how about a revolution! They could be the most important find since the Dead Sea Scrolls."

These ancient scribes possessed a knowledge of linguistics in addition to their training to incorporate several language groups on the same stone. The most prevalent use was the Ogham alphabet found abundantly in the cave; Ogham in great variety, diverse in execution and a universally understood script in their time frame.



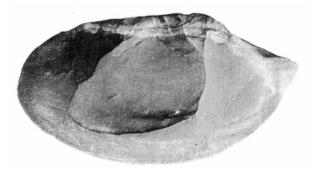
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#### Ancient Mariners in America





▲ William Evans & Beverley Moseley exhibit design 1959



▲ Cross section of BHM-4A (above, second from left) shows a pronounced vein of pyrite.

#### **GEOLOGY OF BURROWS CAVE ARTIFACTS**

Stones of Burrows Cave are of great variety in their shapes sizes, weight and hardness. The diagram above shows as the seas advance, minerals from sandstone, limestone and shale are re-deposited through heat and pressure. Gem stones, discovered in the cave, are often located in fault lines (shown) and from extreme depths of heat and pressure.

"The majority of stones with art and lettering are classified as 'mudstones' which were reproduced from re-deposited fine grain particulates which were deposited in still water in streams and lagoons. The minerals coagulate or changes from a fluid into a substance of coalescence or single rounded mass of mineral



matter, often occurring in clay." Courtesy of *The Living Webster Encyclopedic Dictionary*I have selected eighteen stone tools/ weapons to demonstrate the diversity of Burrows Cave axes that are claimed to have come from the cave. I challenge the reader to compare these artifacts with any and all prehistoric artifacts discovered throughout this country for comparison. Millions of stone tools/weapons from prehistoric cultures have been collected from across America. In the state of Ohio alone are some three thousand Indian relic collectors who have massive numbers of stone tools in their private collections. Of the millions of artifacts I have personally seen in private collections and museums, there are only a few that look like the ones on this page.

Professor W. A. Webb, chief Archaeologist at the time with the University of Kentucky, discovered an artifact similar to the one above, in 1935 when conducting the T. V. A. project in the state of Tennessee. When I first saw it in 1984, the axe had been on display in the Kentucky Archaeology Department lobby for many years. This Burrows Cave example has a close resemblance to the Tennessee find. I know of no other Indian cultures in ancient America where the handle and head of an axe are made from one solid piece of stone.



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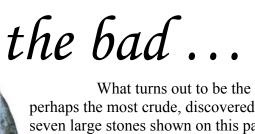
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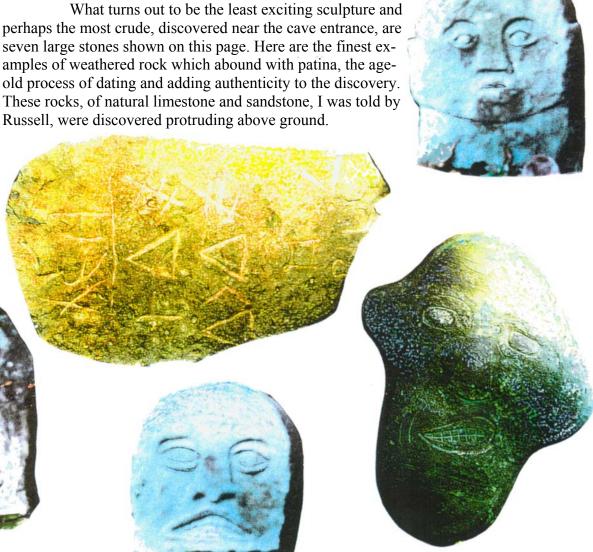


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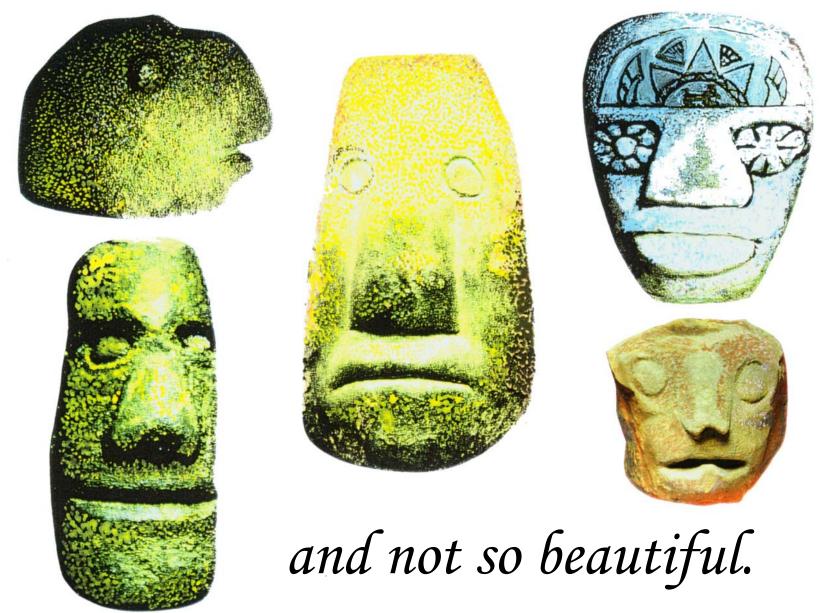


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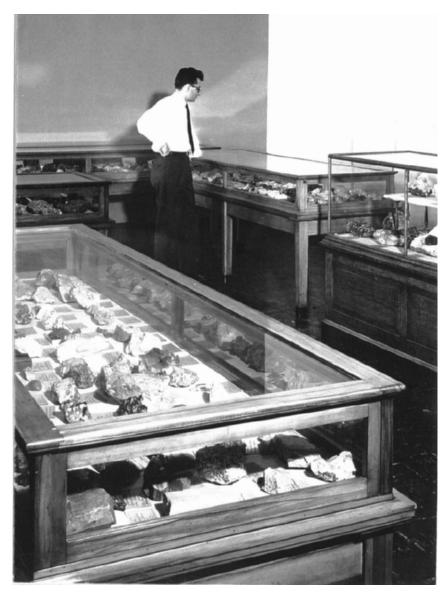
#### FROM THE ARTIST'S PERSPECTIVE



A great percentage of the cave art is carved on convex surfaces of mudstone and came from the vicinity of the cave as shown by J.P. Sherz. The ancient craftsman would have preferred this stone because it was easy to obtain and inscribe when moist. The low hardness made it easy to design pictures, letter and sculpture forms of humans, animals, birds, and fish.

In 1975 I was sent to coordinate a ceramic museum in East Liverpool, Ohio. I was assigned to work with H.W. Barth. He was the son of the founder of a pottery factory. Devoted to the history of ceramics, he became director of his private museum and collected mineral most of his life, minerals from the region. East Liverpool was blessed with a seam of clay which outcropped near the Ohio River. It is some of the purest clay in the U.S., called the Upper Catanic in a vein some twelve feet thick, part of the Pennsylvania System overlapping into Ohio. Starting at a higher elevation in the east, progressing lower underground heading westward across America.





▲ Chief Exhibits Designer, Beverley Moseley, working with the Ohio Historical Society mineral collection in 1959.

The mudstone specimens preserved at East Liverpool Museum by Harold Barth were taken out of the matrix by his factory workers where the stones originated, took form and developed into a varying degree of hardness from soft to very hard over a long period of time. The seam also outcrops near ground level at Nelsonville, Ohio where there are factories. Also, I have seen beautiful specimens of mudstones taken from mines near Las Cruces, New Mexico taken at a level of two hundred feet below the surface.

Russell Burrows explains his cave site as being located two hundred feet below ground and having subterranean underground chambers and a running underground stream. It is a location where one might find mudstones in a natural state. I have seen other examples of this rock purchased from miners who work in the fluorite mines in southern Indiana, when I was designing a mineral exhibit for The Ohio Historical Society in 1960.

The unique, intrinsic shape of so many Burrows cave stones, sets the collection apart from all other world cultures that I have seen in cultural art publications, and museums containing prehistoric art.

The artist left the rocks in their natural condition, with little modification on the front or back of the surface to make it perfect, or smooth to the touch. Almost all of the inscribed stones, regardless of their hardness, be it in sandstone, limestone, etc. appear in their discovered states. Little or no attempt at perfection or improving conditions of the stone is visible. I know no culture, America or Old World, where the use of non-dressed rock occurs so abundantly.

I learned a lesson about printing art forms when I was a young man out of college with aspirations of becoming an Indian relic collector. Having worked for The Ohio Historical Society, I was asked by its curator of archaeology to help with an auction to



▲ BHM-17A: head of man in profile with helmet; diamonds, decorations and 20 small letters

dispose of a sizeable collection of American artifacts administered by the society.

Chief Exhibits Designer, Beverley Moseley, working with the Ohio Historical Society mineral collection in 1959.

The largest collection had been assembled by a Mr. Whorly, owner of the Whorly Stove Manufacturing Company in Newark, Ohio, who was a wealthy business businessman in the early years of the great depression. He had hired trained crews to spend months in the field, excavating, documenting, and cataloging artifacts at many famous sites such as Spiro Mound in Illinois.

The collection was appraised in 1955 for around three hundred thousand dollars. After three days of auctions, everybody ran out of money. Some three hundred and fifty documented vessels, plates, and bowls were left on the block. One of the many items that interested me was the aboriginal pottery. After checking the content of some 30 cartons of aboriginal pottery, I was surprised that at least one-third of the pieces, although legitimate and documented, I considered little better than "mud pies". The point is that we are so accustomed to viewing only the finest examples of artifacts in museums that we neglect to accept poorly designed work as having any value.

The major criticism lodged against the Burrows Cave art is that it lacks the sophistication in execution of anatomy and compares unfavorably with the quality of European, African and Asian art of ancient times. They say the work could have been created by skilled modern technicians using simple tools. What they neglect to acknowledge is that so many stones are accompanied with skillfully adapted ancient scripts which relate a meaningful message which can be translated. The picture shown on this page is accompanied with a meaningful script which relates to the portrait. Taken together, the art and the script, it seems that forgery is highly unlikely. There are only a small number of researchers that study epigraphy in the world who are capable of determining the legitimacy of these artistic pieces.

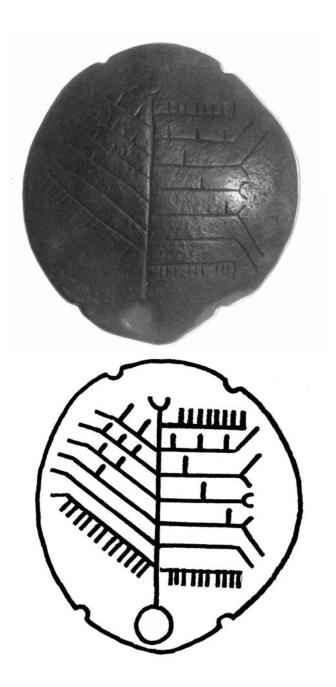
A monumental task exists in identifying the other artifacts from this grotto. The amount of material will require talent of many technicians. I have chosen to illus-

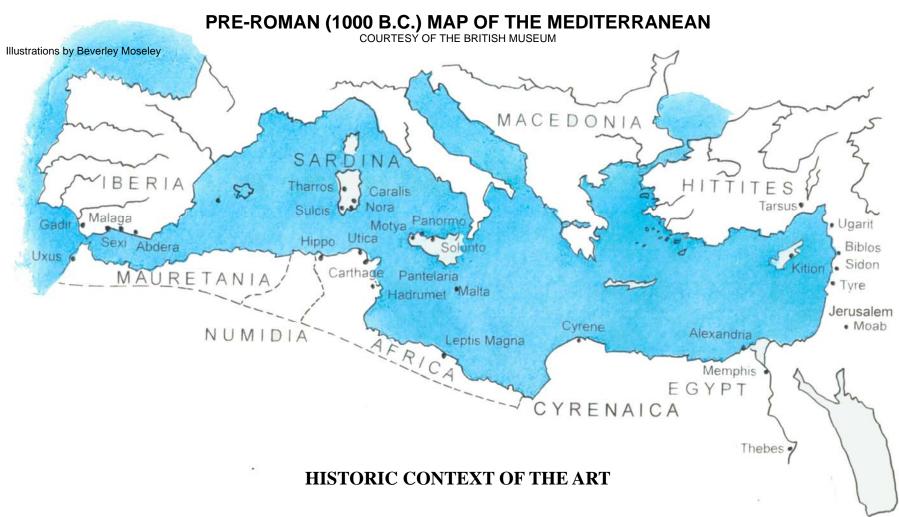
trate the art and epigraphy on funeral stones for this publication, but would be remiss in not mentioning that there are many other items in various collections: jewelry, arm bracelets, rings, and head pieces made of copper and stone. Mr. Burrows claims there are bronze weapons, metal coated statues six foot high and ceramic jars and more in other rooms he did not "open." There are also stones with a variety of shapes with markings/calculations that defy interpretation.

Mr. Burrows stated there was a large natural underground chamber that was modified and expanded to house six separate burial chambers. Only one of the small chambers was opened and was said to contain skeletons of three individuals. The small room contained relief sculpture in small square panels of engraved art and lettering, affixed to the walls. Grave goods, such as spears, shields, and sealed coptic jars etc. were left undisturbed. The artifacts shown in this publication were left half buried in dirt on the main room floor and were brought out by Mr. Burrows over several years beginning in 1984.

We are at the threshold of translating many of the rock messages shown in this publication, but the task is too monumental to complete before we publish these photos. The leading candidates for decipherments are the Oghamic and Celtiberic inscriptions which are in vast amounts and are the most comprehensible to the scholars here and abroad.

Study continues and we hope in the near future to translate them and publish a sufficient number to address the issues of dating, origin and intent. We are certain these stones contain at least five ancient alphabets: Oghamic, Celtiberian, Punic, Tifinage and Egyptian hieroglyphic. The finest example of alphabets on a single stone is listed in our index as BHM-4A





Dr. Barry Fell, a leading authority on ancient languages, was a leading marine biologist, Professor Emeritus of Harvard University. He became a celebrated advocate of the concept of trans-ocean visitors, arriving in America from North Africa. Extensive trade routes were developed along coastal seaports throughout the Mediterranean by the Phoenician mariners from the Levant all the way to

Iberia and through the straights of Gibraltar. According to Dr. Fell, both Celtic and Iberian inhabitants (pages 17 and 18) show traces of Punic and early Greek and Arabic in their vocabularies. The Celtiberian and Punic languages are a mixture of tongues. Fell published his translations of inscriptions found in North America from the ancient Libyan, which he called the "Numidian" inscriptions, and are

similar to Tifinag lettering. This ancient Libyan language was spoken across the breadth of North Africa, from Morocco (shown on the map above as Mauretania) and on through modern Algeria, Tunisia and Libya. Fell's Numidian is similar to the Tifinag seen on the Burrows Cave stones. Tifinag lettering originated in Mauretania, where it is still in use among the Berbers in the Atlas Mountains. Examples of these lettering forms are scratched on cave shelters and rock outcrops throughout the United States and Canada, and in North Africa. Universities in present-day Algeria, Morocco and Libya, having worked with Dr. Fell, can verify and translate the ancestral scripts housed in the archives and libraries.

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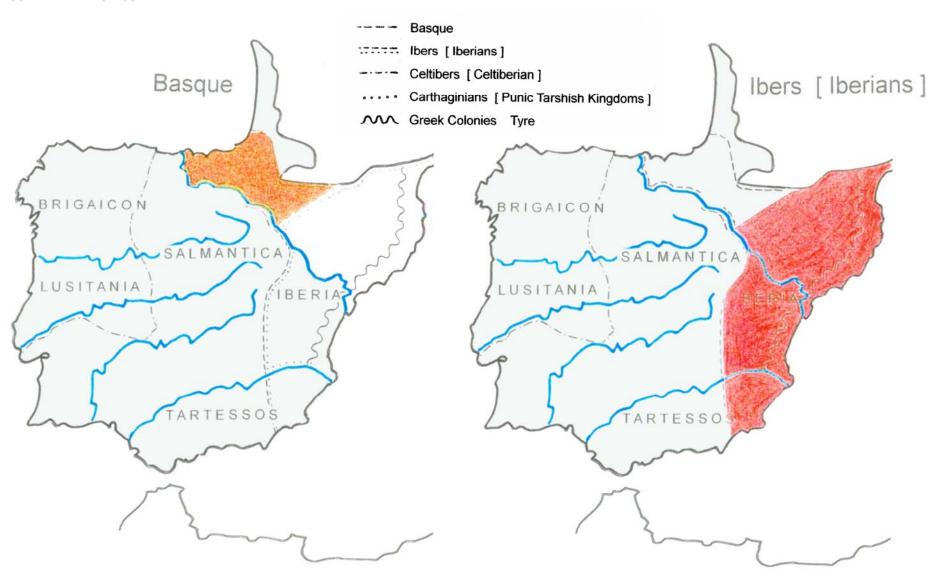
The ancient scribes possessed knowledge of linguistics, shown by their ability to incorporate several language groups on a single stone. The Ogham alphabet, which was used throughout the British Isles, is used extensively in the cave artifacts. It is a simple alphabet, easy to work and diverse in style, used with and without stem lines, in vertical or horizontal formats. Ogham inscriptions were abundant among the cave goods.

The lettering styles, customs, tools and weapons compare favorably with what we see in museums today. The drawing on this page was made from an ancient architectural frieze which is still standing in the country of Libya today. Note the decorative "Mohawk" roach hair style and how it compares with several illustrations on pages 95, 98, 111 and 119.



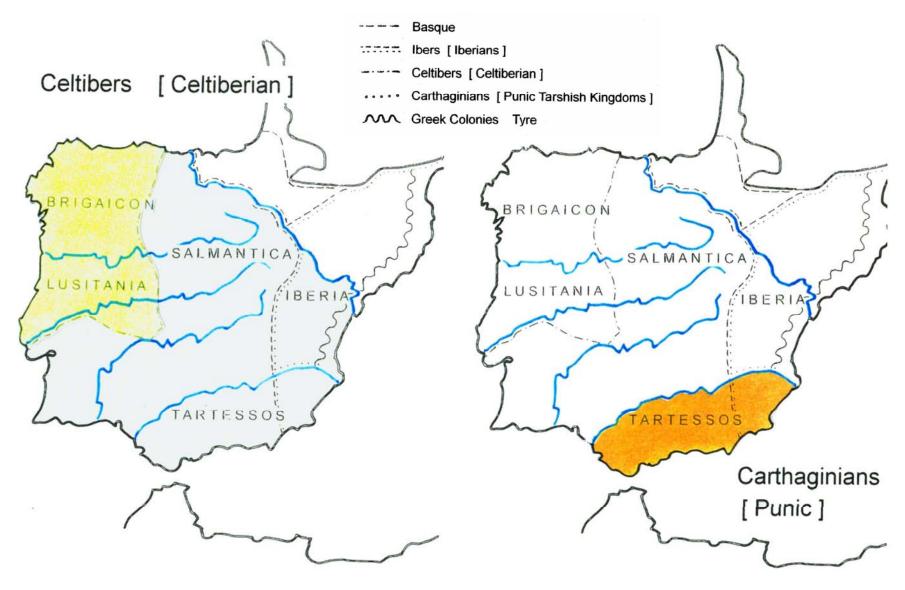
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### CATALOG OF SELECTED BURROWS CAVE ARTIFACTS







Number	Description	Number	Description
BHM-1A	Photograph: standing man in profile with Egyptian dress; Pagan/Egyptian/Jewish symbols	BHM-10A	Photograph: tablet with five lines of vertical writing in one alphabet; Helios and sun symbols
BHM-1B	Line art of BHM-1A	BHM-10B	Line art of BHM-10A
BHM-2A	Photograph: head of man with beard in profile; mystic symbol and RH of god symbol	BHM-11A	Photograph: standing man in profile hold- ing a severed head; writing in two alpha- bets
BHM-2B	Photograph: head of man with beard and kipah in profile; Tetragrammaton and He-	BHM-11B	Line art of BHM-11A; sun god with Ogham B-L in URH corner; turban/beard on man
ВНМ-ЗА	lios symbols Photograph: 18 lines of script; Sun- Ogham symbol in URH corner	BHM-12A	Photograph: head of a man with a thin crest of hair; Libyan or Native American warrior
BHM-3B	Line art of BHM-3A	BHM-12B	Line art of Ogham writing with eight hori-
BHM-4	Line art of writing in a horizontal format		zontal lines of strokes
	with five or six alphabets	BHM-13A	Photograph: a triangular stone with a Car-
BHM-5A	Photograph: five lines of Ogham writing in		thaginian Serpent ship with crow's nest
DUMED	a horizontal format.	BHM-13B	Line art of BHM-13A showing a Ba'al sun,
BHM-5B BHM-6A	Line art of BHM-5A		square sail, rowers, tillerman with cone hat
	Photograph: square tablet with nine lines of writing and two or three alphabets	BHM-14A	Photograph: figurine of a standing bird, Shawabti-like, with a man's face and an
BHM-6B	Line art of BHM-6A		Egyptian headdress and chin beard
BHM-7A	Photograph: head of man in profile with kipah (sandstone); sun/cross earring/	BHM-14B BHM-15A	Photograph: rear view of BHM-14A Photograph: head of man with cloth hat
	neckpiece		and artificial chin beard
BHM-7B	Line art of details of BHM-7A: a triangular neckpiece with bird mother/two lines of Ogham	BHM-15B	Photograph: head of man with helmet; side view of a thin three-dimensional figurine
BHM-8A	Photograph: front view of a man with a decorated helmet and a chin beard	BHM-16A	Line art of bust of a man with a helmet and a uniform with eagle-like emblem; nine
BHM-8B	Line art of tablet with 6-7 lines of vertical writing and three alphabets; sun symbol at	BHM-16B	letters
	top		Photo and line art of a stylized Bird Mother
BHM-9A	Photograph: tablet with 13 lines of writing in one or two alphabets; buffalo and He-	BHM-17A	Photograph: head of man in profile with bird-crest helmet; diamonds, decorations and 20 small letters
	lios symbols	BHM-17B	Line art of BHM-17A
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BHM-34A	Photograph: a man's head with a bird headdress, light scarification, and seven	BHM-44A	Photograph: allegorical/god-like figures atop columns of vertical lines of letters
DUM 24D	Egyptian symbols Line art of BHM-34A	BHM-44B	Line art of BHM-44A
BHM-34B BHM-35A		BHM-45A	Photograph: Arabian-style headdress
PUINI-99W	Photograph: writing-only stone with an eagle symbol, five lines of one style, four	BHM-45B	used in desert countries Line art of BHM-45A
	of another	BHM-46A	Photograph: snake effigy on helmet with a
BHM-35B	Line art of BHM-35A	DI IIVI 40A	cluster of feathers on the side
BHM-36A	Photograph: a bare-breasted female re-	BHM-46B	Line art of BHM-46A
	ceiving libation from a <i>shofar</i> , menorah,	BHM-47A	Photograph: Egyptian-style headdress
BHM-36B	eight letters Line art of BHM-36A		worn by warrior with a circle-cross earring
BHM-37A	Photograph: bearded man with knotted	BHM-47B	Line art: man with goatee and religious tattoos; lettering style found in "The Book
	hair, shofar, candle, sun symbol and verti-		of Ballymote"
	cal letters	BHM-48A	Photograph: Carthaginian royalty with bird
BHM-37B	Line art of BHM-37A		effigy on headdress and made of marble
BHM-38A	Photograph: bowman with pantaloons, bow, arrows, sword and two columns of	BHM-48B	Line art of BHM-48A
	letters	BHM-49A	Photograph: irregular shaped limestone
BHM-38B	Line art of BHM-38A	BHM-49B	with 25 Celtiberic style letters Line art of BHM-49A
BHM-39A	Photograph: standing male priest with	BHM-50A	Photograph: strongly resembles Egyptian
	Egyptian-style dress having serpent and	DI IIVI-30A	priest wearing arm bracelets associated
BHM-39B	sun Line art of BHM-39A		with Burrows' cave
BHM-40A	Photograph: head of man with medium	BHM-50B	Line art of BHM-50A
DI IIVI 40A	length hair, simple bird head band; 200	BHM-51A	Photograph: mariner with lettering on side
	strokes of border Ogham and 11 letters of		of marble tablet; matches no. 7 in "The
	a second script	BHM-51B	Book of Ballymote" Photograph: anthropomorphic figure of
BHM-40B	Line art of BHM-40A showing details of	DI IIVI-3 I D	man/god wearing Egyptian dress and ac-
BHM-41A	Ogham and other scripts Photograph: man wearing helmet with		couterments
DI IIVI-41A	feathered crest	BHM-52A	Photograph: squared marble tablet of an-
BHM-41B	Line art of BHM-41A		thropomorphic subject with "tree of life" on
BHM-42A	Photograph: man in desert dress with a	BHM-52B	his chest, holding serpent Photograph: squared marble tablet with
DUM 404	camel	DI IIVI-J2D	warrior holding weapons
BHM-42A BHM-43A	Line art of BHM-42A		
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BHM-43B	Photograph: warriors portrayed in combat		

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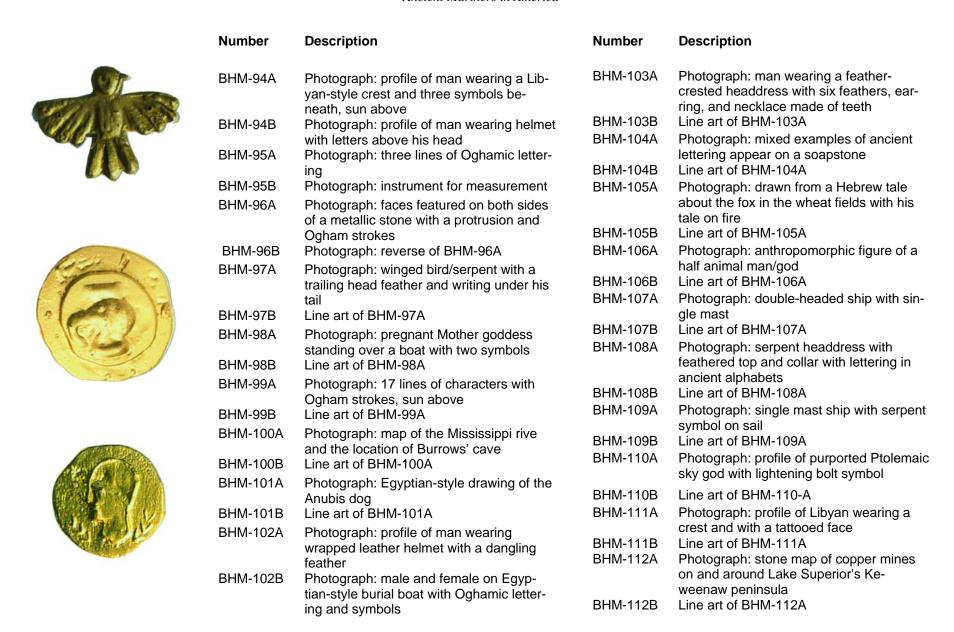


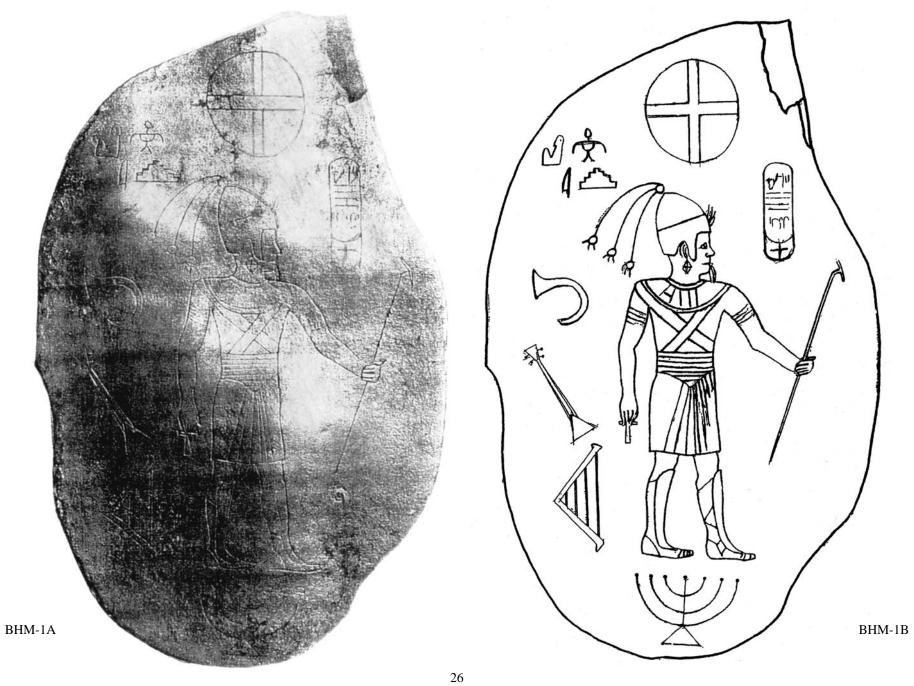
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BHM-53A	Photograph: Egyptian-style woman seated on throne surrounded with Burrows' cave	BHM-63A	Photograph: ancient war ship with a horned bird head
D. II.4. =0.D.	symbol	BHM-63B	Line art of BHM-63A
BHM-53B BHM-54A	Line art of BHM-53A Photograph: Bird/man figure with serpent,	BHM-64A	Photograph: 12.6 pound limestone message in Celtiber and Oghamic alphabets
BHM-54B	sun, characters Line art of BHM-54A	BHM-65A	Photograph: iconography from Ptolemaic
BHM-55A	Photograph: individual wearing Libyan-		Druids with Celtiber and Oghamic alphabets
BHM-55B	style headdress of feathers Photograph: Greek influence on a man	BHM-65B	Photograph: Limestone rock with mixed ancient alphabets
BHM-56A	with Libyan hair style Photograph: man wearing Libyan-style	BHM-66A	Photograph: aristocrat wearing pleated skirt frolicking with bird; sun, moon and
BHM-56B	hairdo Photograph: man with false chin-beard wearing flat-top hat with neck protection	BHM-66B	characters Line art of BHM-66A
BHM-57A	Photograph: stylized sun-god with a beard; pointed sun rays on his forehead	BHM-67A	Photograph: allegorical figure of man dressed in lion head, carrying weapon and
BHM-57B	Line art: drawn from a plaster cast of a	BHM-67B	wearing arm bracelets Line art of BHM-67A
BHM-58A	purported gold plaque; Oghamic lettering Photograph: large mudstone with two an- cient scripts and a Tanif figure	BHM-68A	Photograph: dragon-style head carrying serpent in his mouth and wearing arm
BHM-58B	Line art of BHM-58A	BHM-68B	bracelets Photograph: profile of man wearing Egyp-
BHM-59A	Photograph: three god-like symbols on mudstone	DI IIVI OOD	tian-style headpiece
BHM-59B	Photograph: funeral boat with circle-cross emblem and lettering	BHM-69A	Photograph: female with long hair wearing cap with five hieroglyphic symbols
BHM-60A	Photograph: twenty vertical columns of	BHM-69B	Line art of BHM-69A
2 667	Celtiberic writing on a 23.2 pound mud- stone	BHM-70A	Photograph: Libyan-style man with three different alphabet styles
BHM-60B	Line art of BHM-60A	BHM-70B	Photograph: man wearing three symbols
BHM-61	Photograph: picture story of a Ptolemaic myth current within Druid legend and characters	BHM-71A	on ear, neck and chest Photograph: man wearing helmet with a circle-cross around his neck; comet above
BHM-62A BHM-62B	Photograph: death mask from tomb Photograph: allegorical figure of man dressed with a bull's head	BHM-71B	his head Line art of BHM-71A



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BHM-72A	Photograph: Carthaginian sailor wearing beehive hat	BHM-83A	Photograph: purported to be a Caesar (Ptolemy Caesarion); characters in two
BHM-72B	Photograph: unicorn; non-aboriginal myth in America	BHM-83B	scripts Line art of BHM-83A
BHM-73A	Photograph: Libyan-style man with sylla-	BHM-84A	Photograph: anthropomorphic figure of
BHM-73B	bles graphic around head Line art of BHM-73A	DI IIVI-04A	man/god dressed in bull headdress with
BHM-74A	Photograph: four lines of Oghamic letter-	DUM 04D	religious symbols
	ing with circle-crosses	BHM-84B	Line art of BHM-84A
BHM-75A	Photograph: death mask of a man wearing kipah	BHM-85A	Photograph: four lines of Oghamic script with vowel points
BHM-75B	Photograph: stylized sculpture of the cat	BHM-85B	Line art of BHM-85A
	family	BHM-86A	Photograph: serpent/god-like female fig- ure
BHM-76A	Photograph: profile of Greek/Ptolemaic citizen	BHM-86B	Photograph: bird/god figure in the form of
BHM-76B	Photograph: Profile of African man	21 002	a hawk
BHM-77A	Photograph: death mask/sculpture of individual wearing <i>kipah</i>	BHM-87A	Photograph: Celtiberic message stone with icon symbols and Tanif figures
BHM-77B	Photograph: death sculpture of a man with	BHM-87B	Photograph: ancient symbols and letters
2	coxcomb (Bird Man) wearing a <i>kipah</i>	BHM-88A	Photograph: war ship with figure head
BHM-78A	Photograph: cuneiform headline with six lines of text	BHM-88B	Line art: pictogram of vessel and water waves with characters
BHM-78B	Line art of BHM-78A	BHM-89A	Photograph: official wearing bird headgear
BHM-79A	Photograph: Carthaginian sailor with bee-	BHM-89B	Line art of BHM-89A
DUM 70D	hive headgear; Ogham strokes	BHM-90A	Photograph: ancient stylized ship with bird
BHM-79B BHM-80A	Line art of BHM-79A	DUM OOD	figurehead
DUIN-00A	Photograph: Carthaginian/Libyan wearing top knot with three decorated strands	BHM-90B	Line art of BHM-90A
BHM-80B	Photograph: Libyan-style feathered head- dress over helmet; characters	BHM-91A	Photograph: anthropomorphic figure of an animal-masked man pointing to a column of letters
BHM-81A	Photograph: allegorical/god-like figure	BHM-91B	Line art of BHM-91A
	wearing lion mask; religious symbols	BHM-92	Photograph: limestone encrusted rock
BHM-81B	Line art of BHM-81A	51 02	formation with Oghamic-style boat design
BHM-82A	Photograph: African sailor wearing serpent headgear	BHM-93A	Photograph: portrait of man wearing <i>kipah</i> and earring with Tanif symbol
BHM-82B	Photograph: man in helmet, comet over	BHM-93B	Photograph: profile of man wearing bird
	head	טני וויו יכ	helmet with a banner of symbols sur- rounding his head

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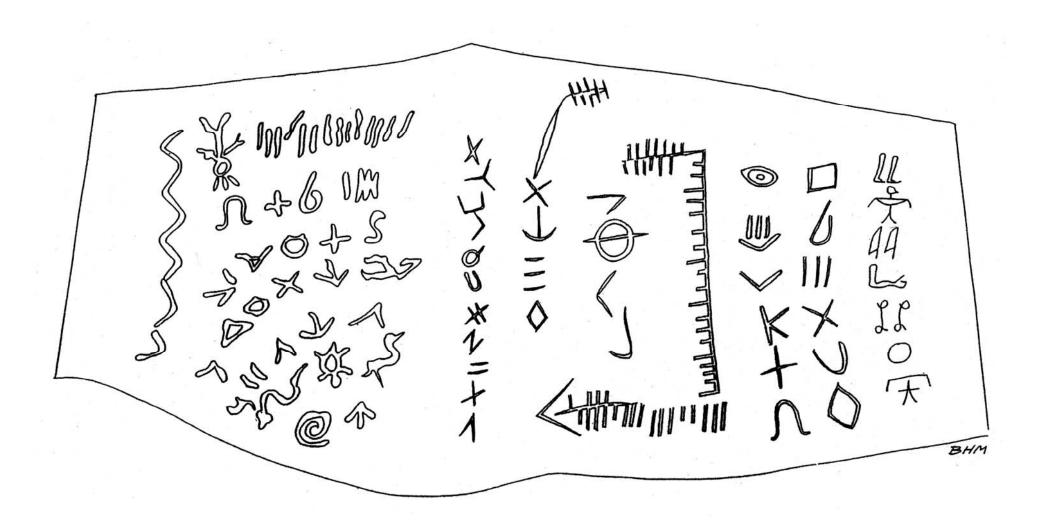




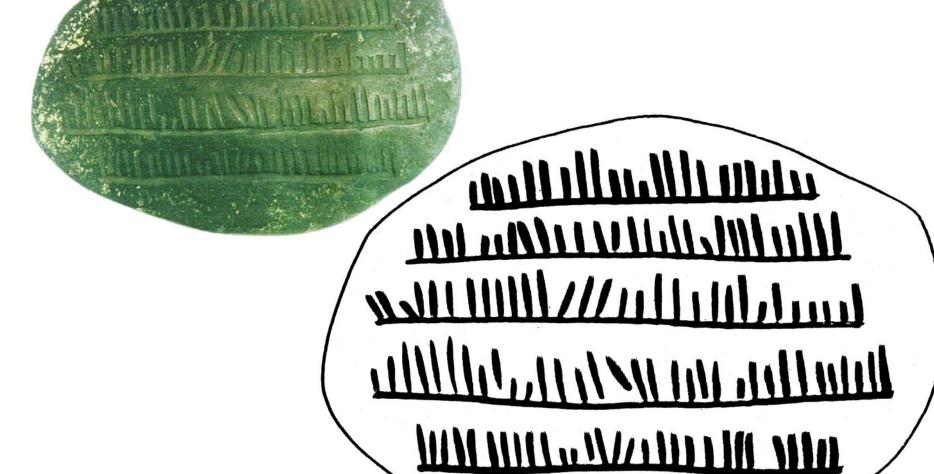
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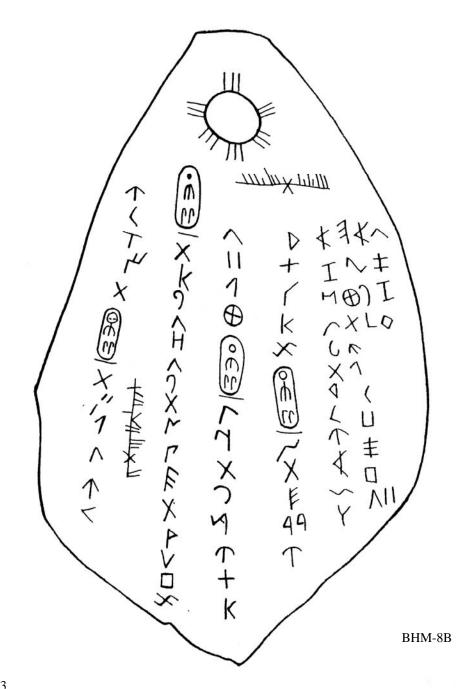
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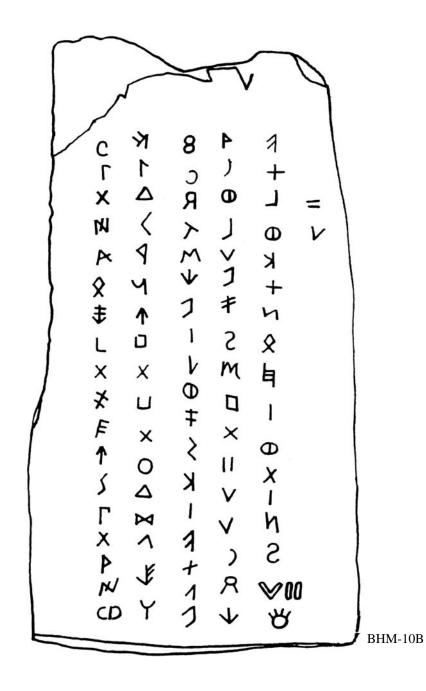


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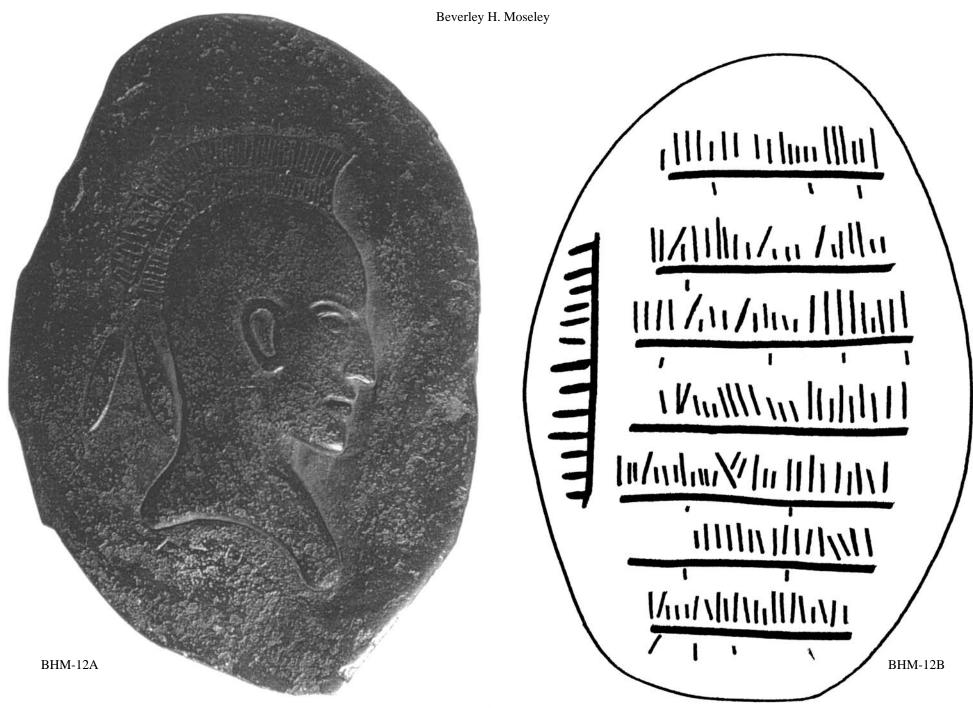
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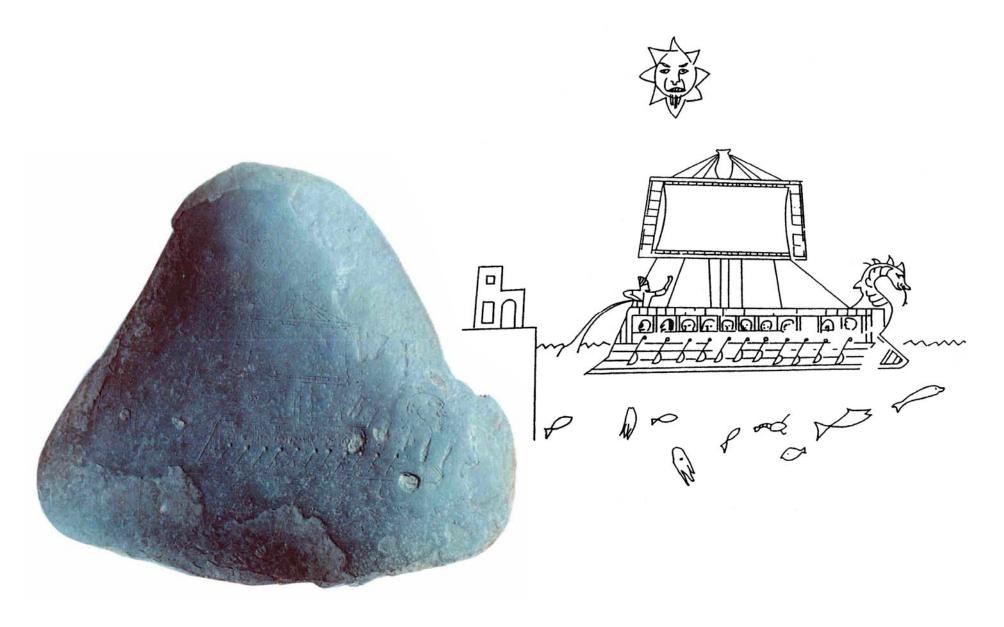




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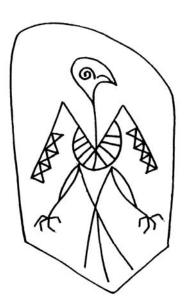


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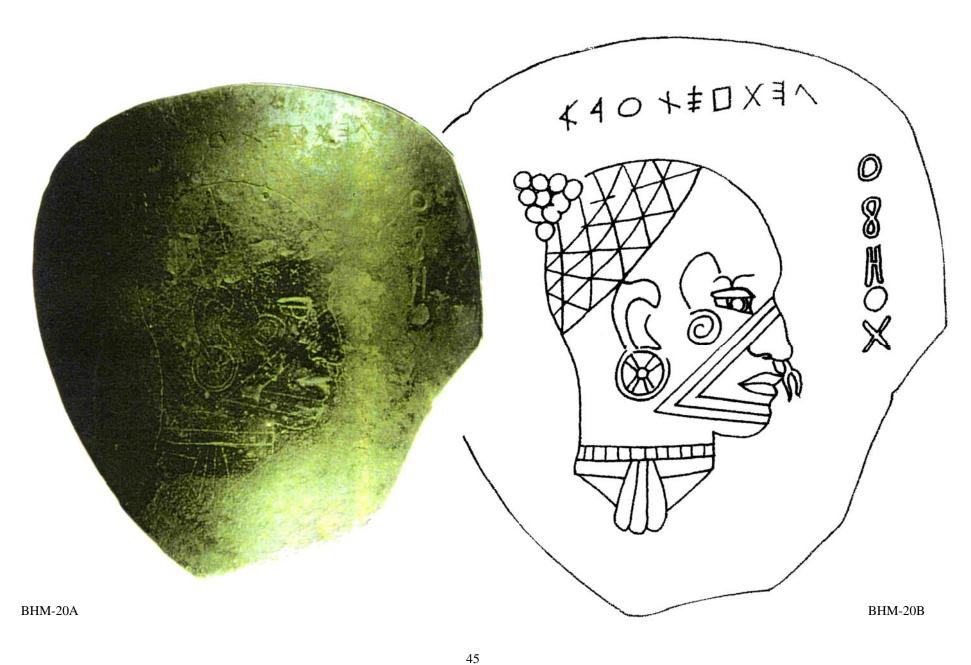




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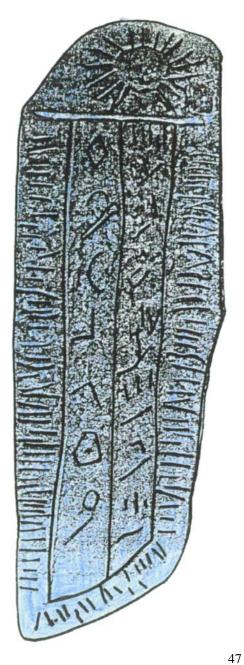
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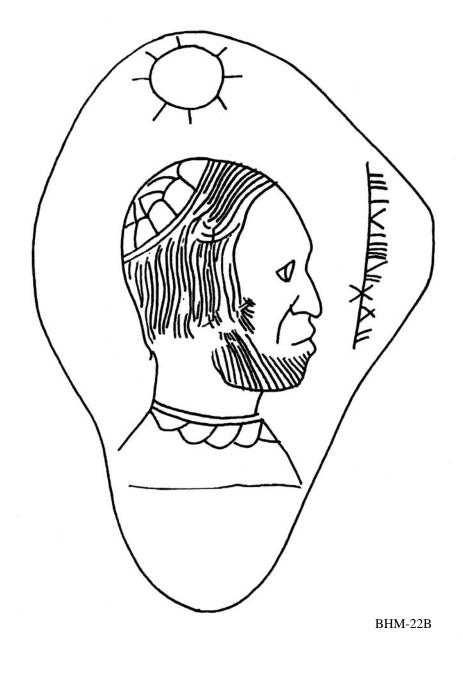




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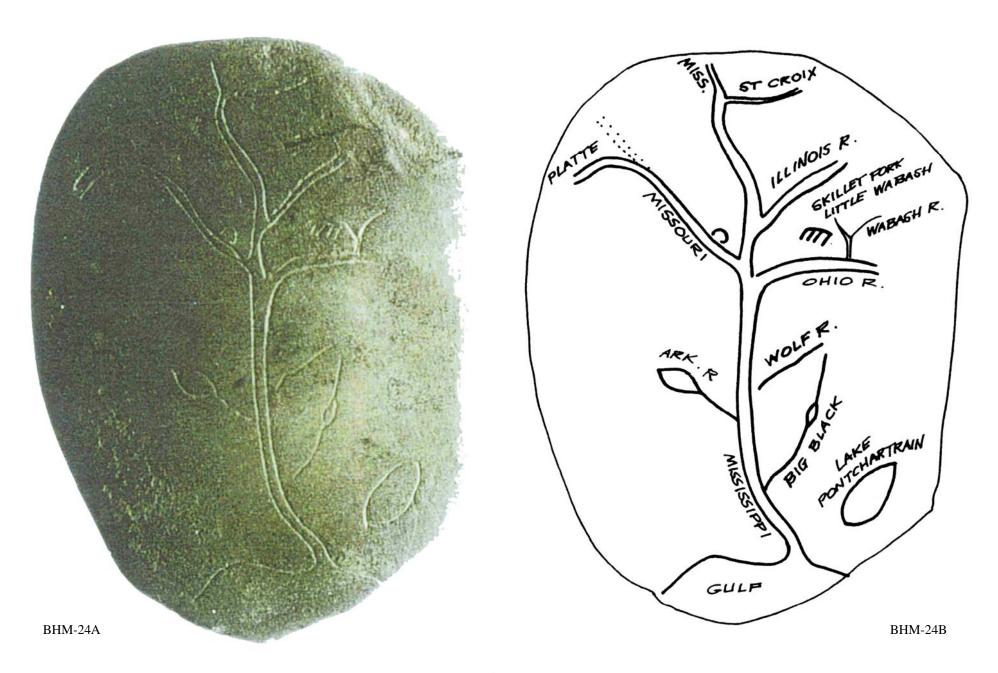
















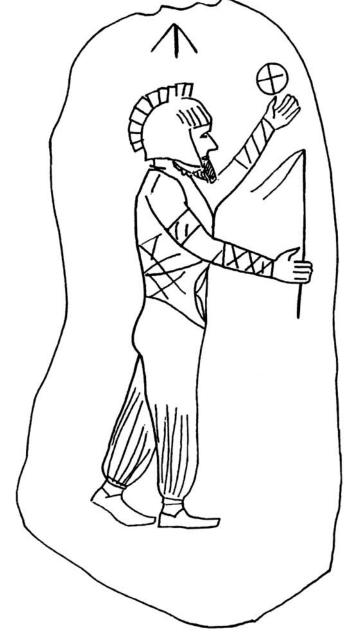






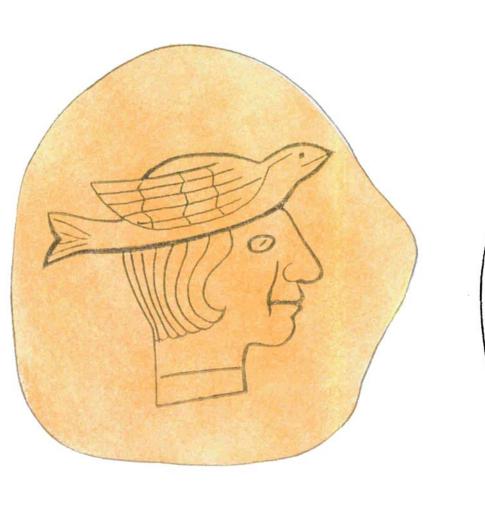
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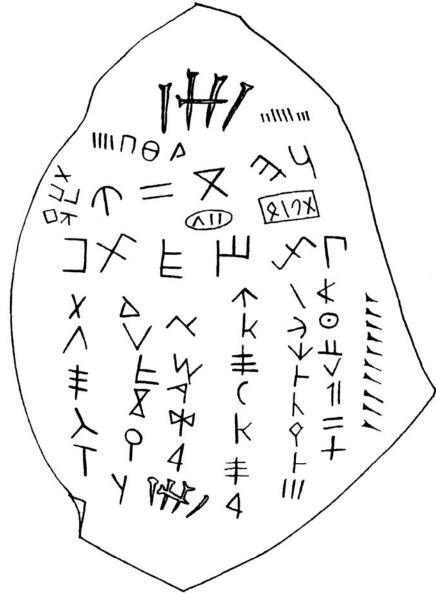




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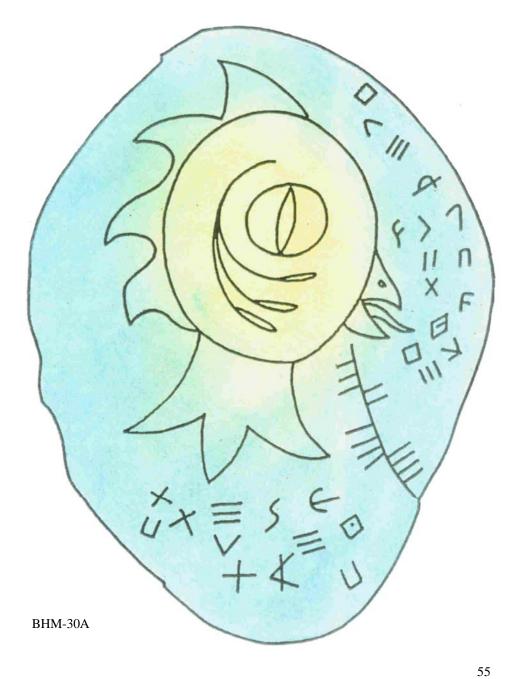
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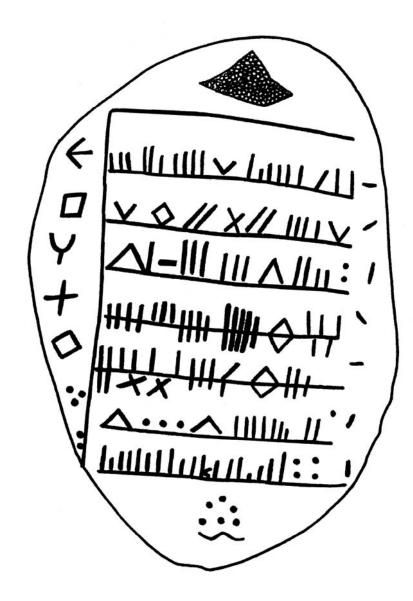


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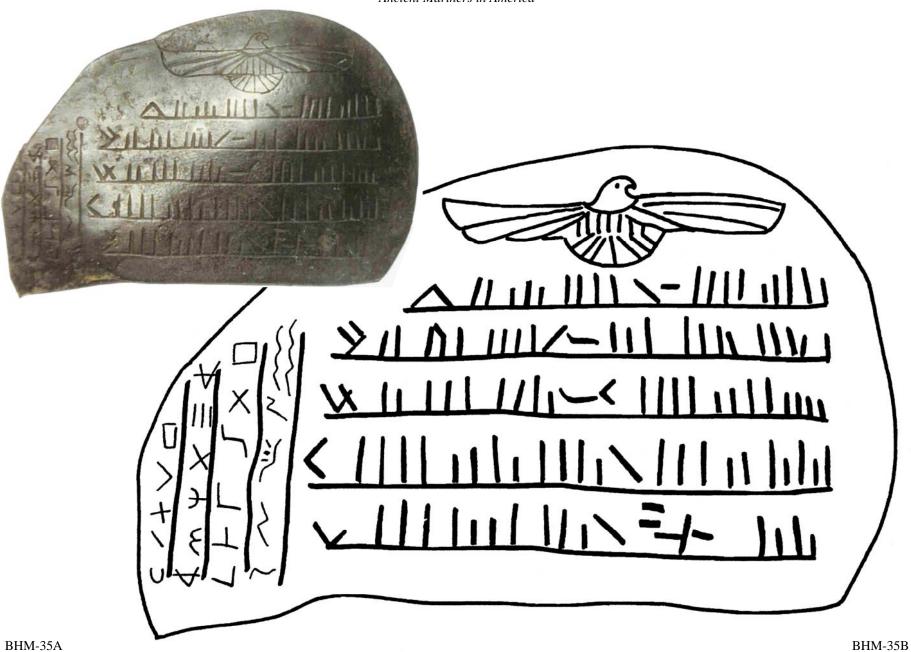
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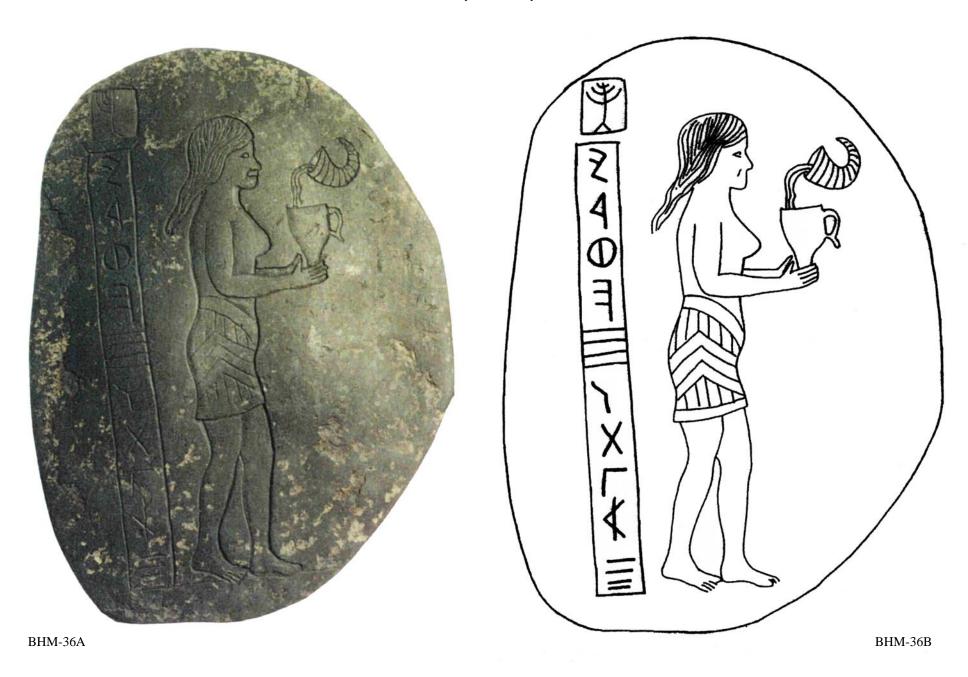




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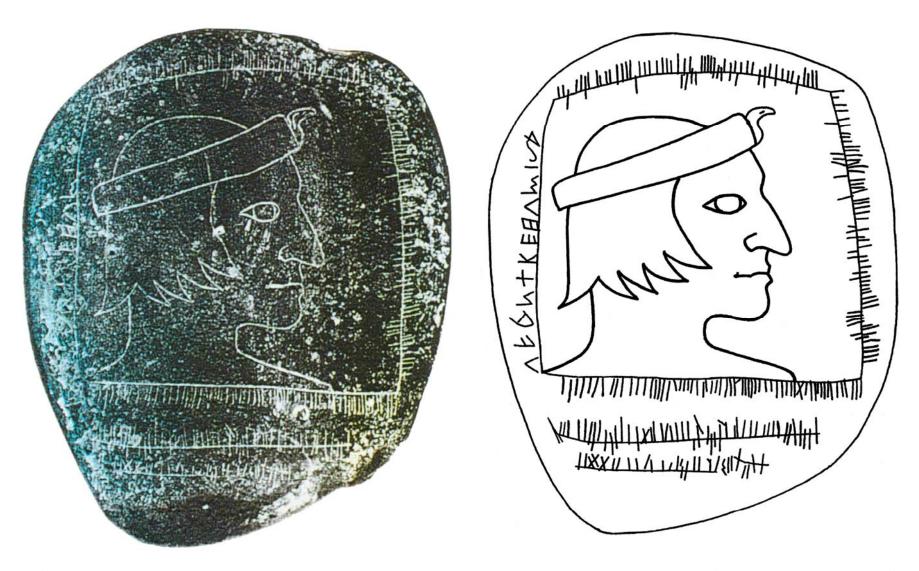
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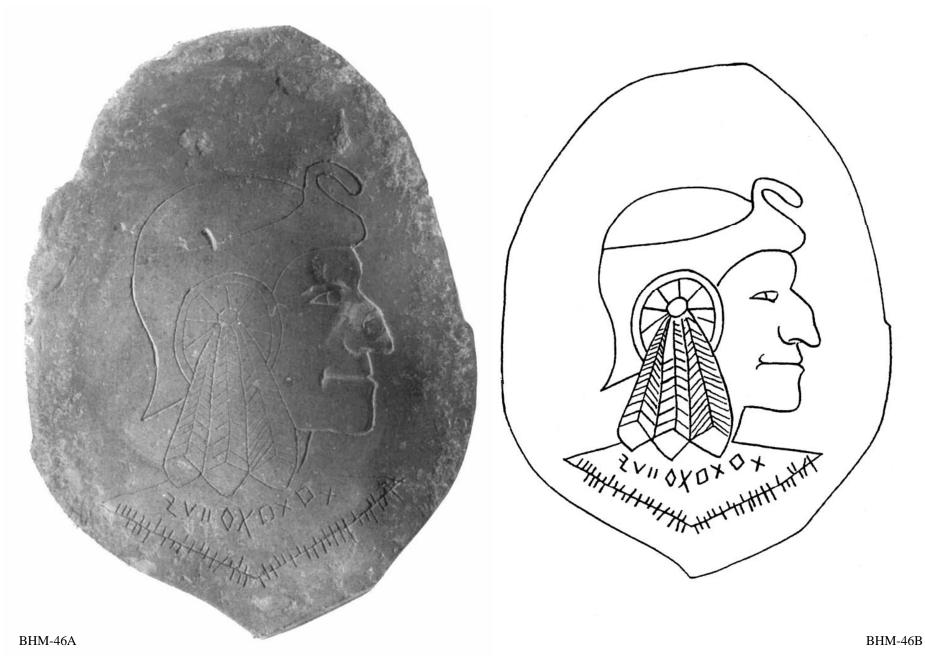
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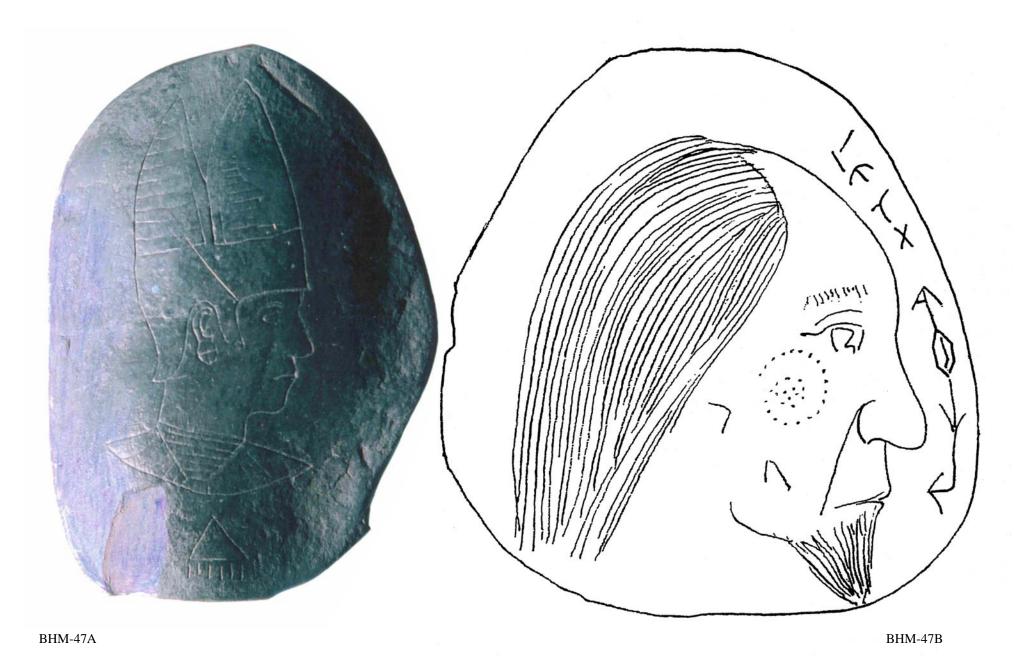


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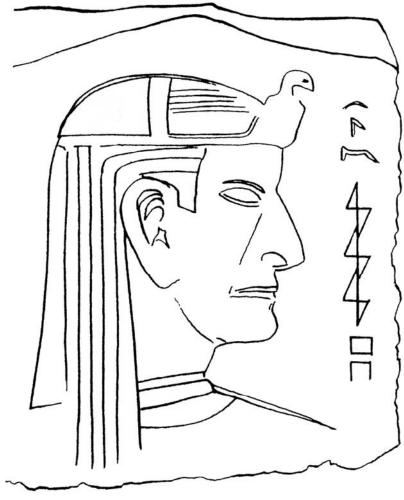




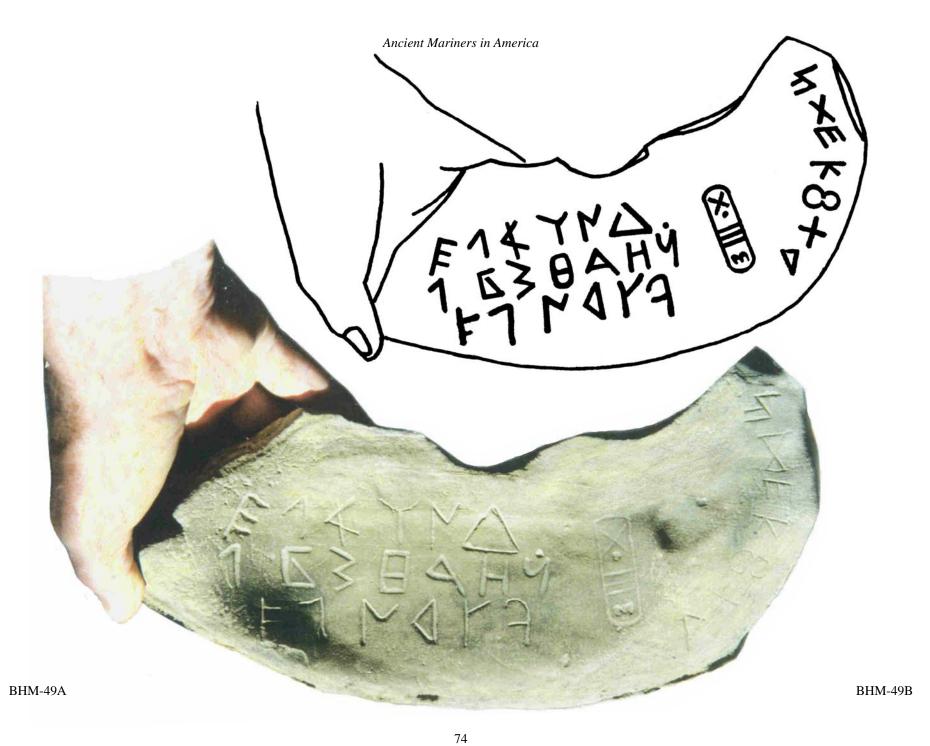




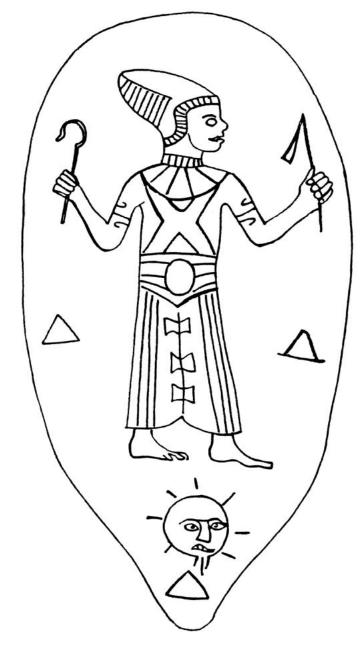




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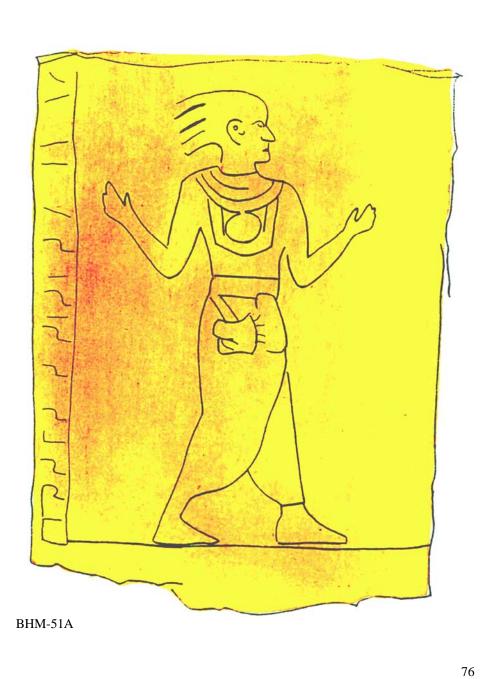






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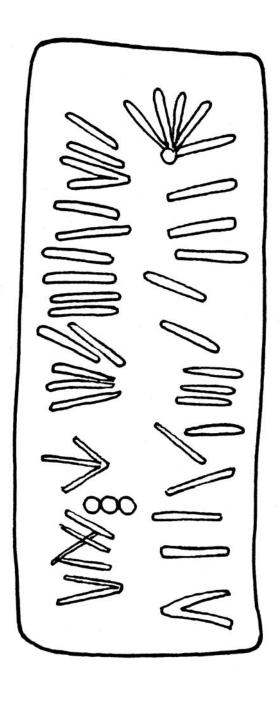
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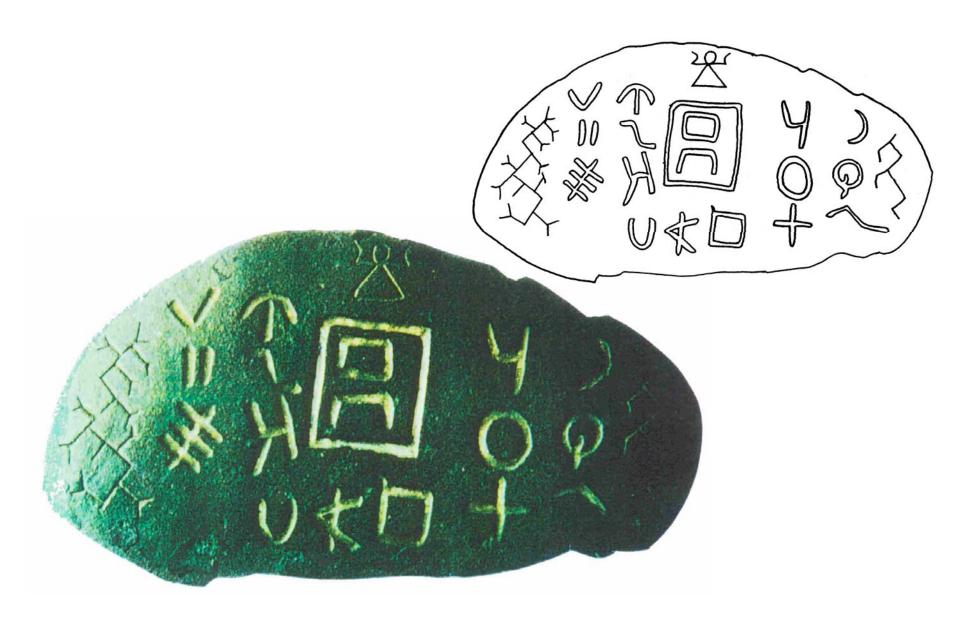
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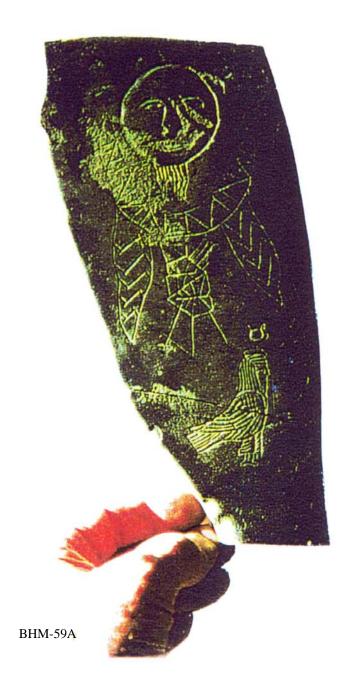


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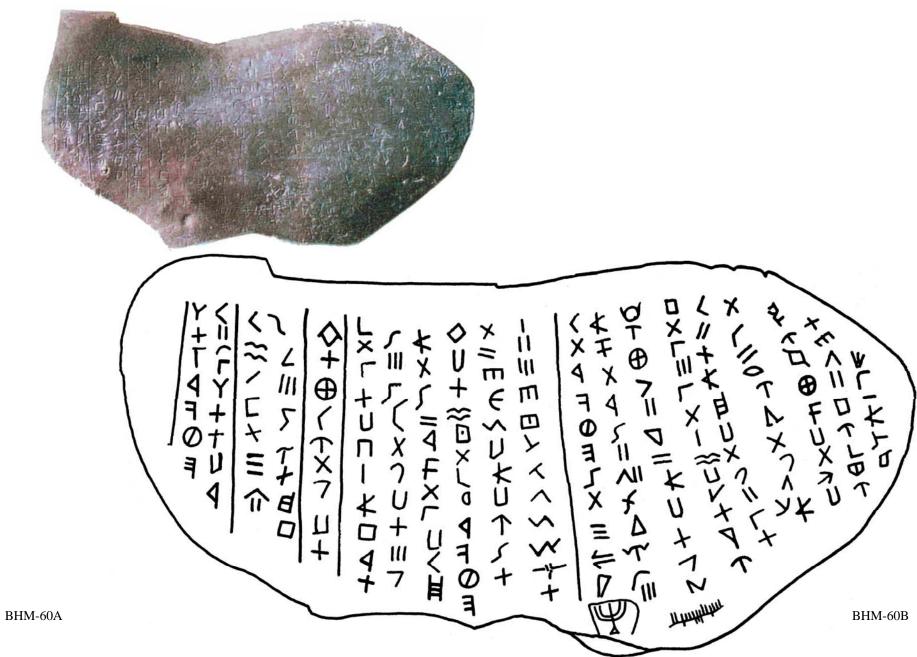


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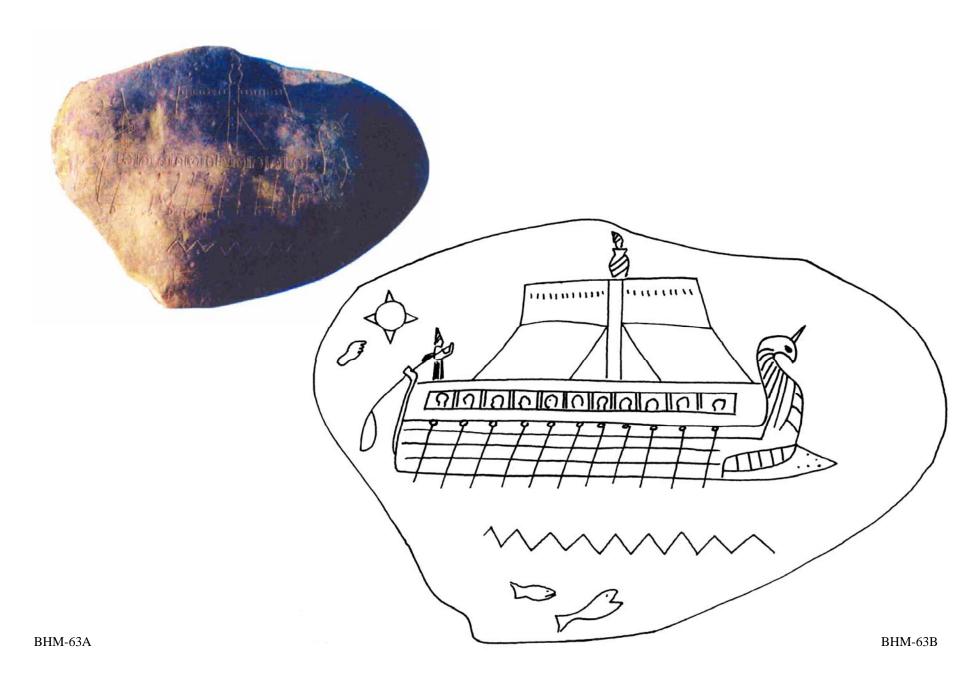
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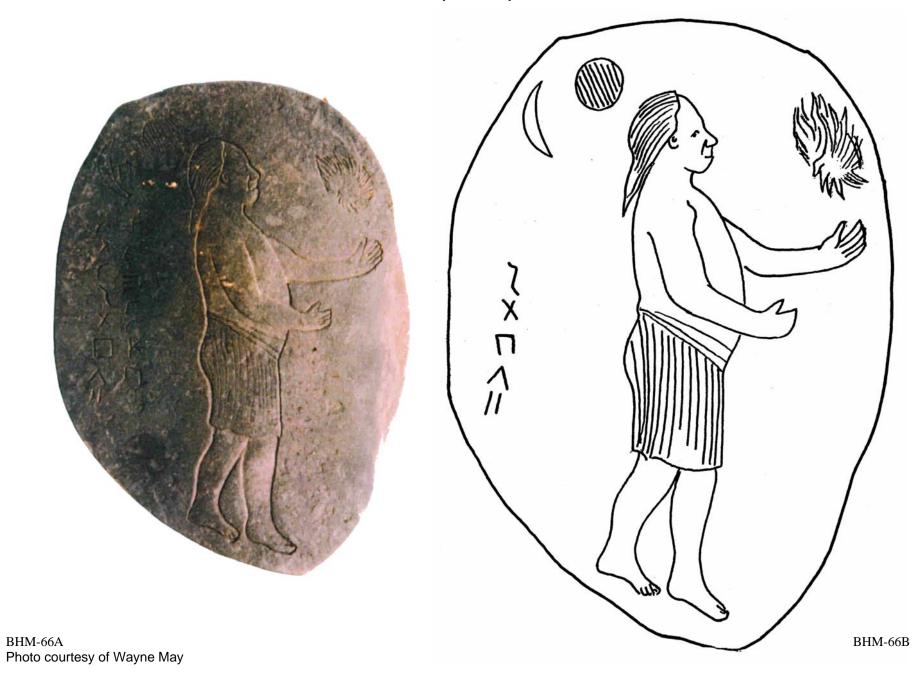


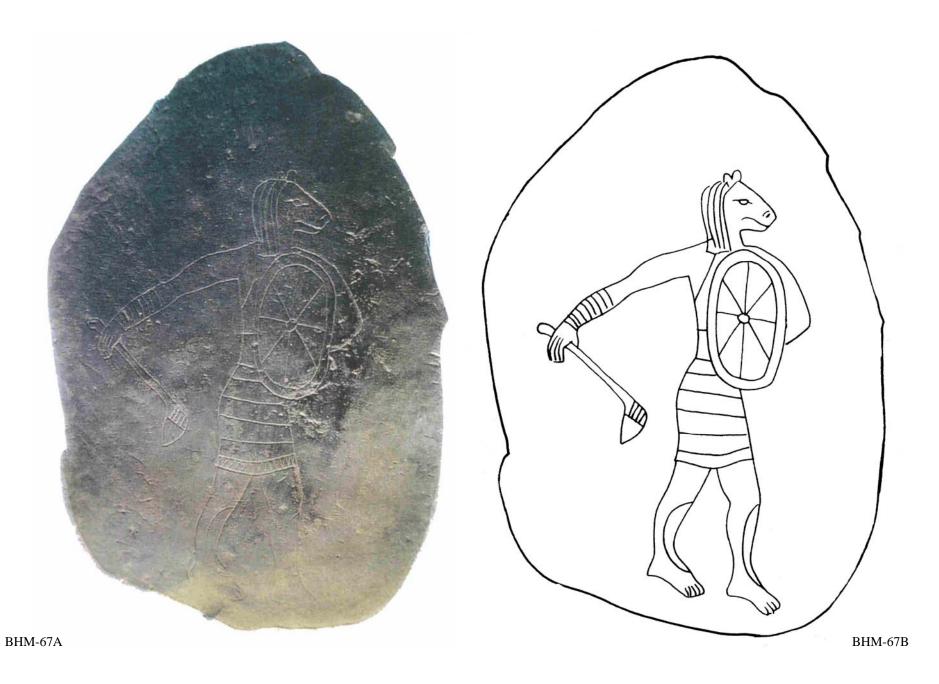


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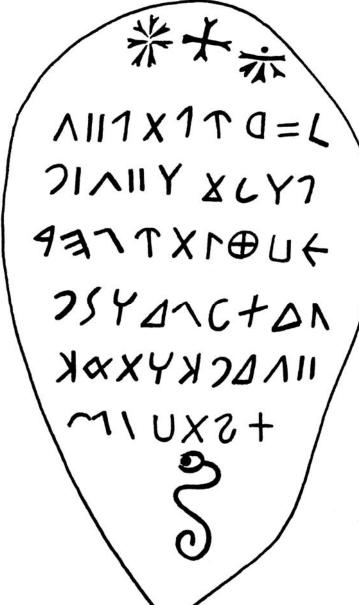


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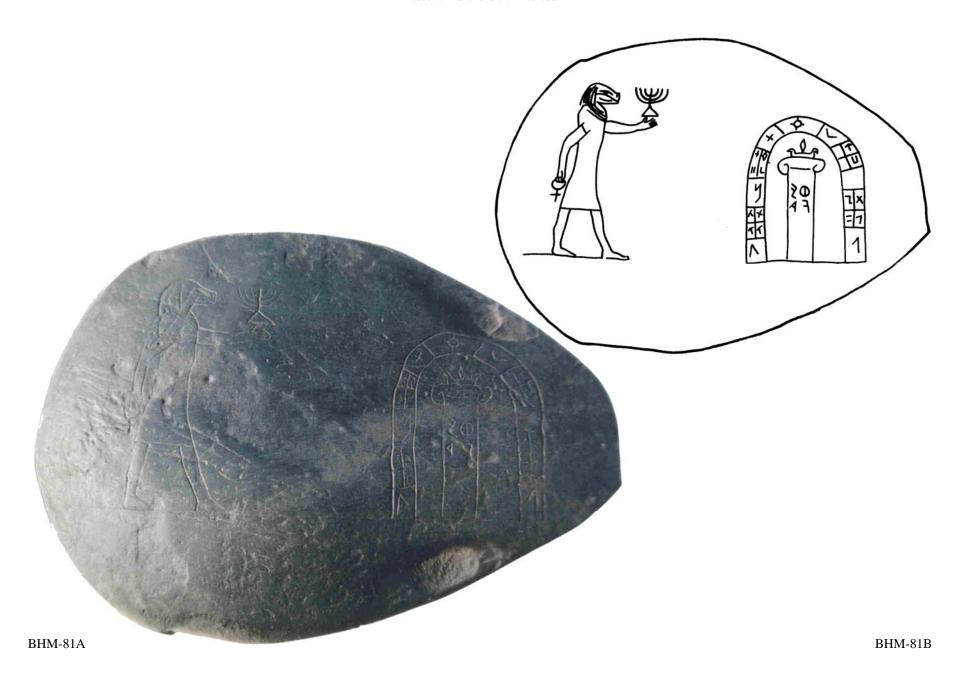








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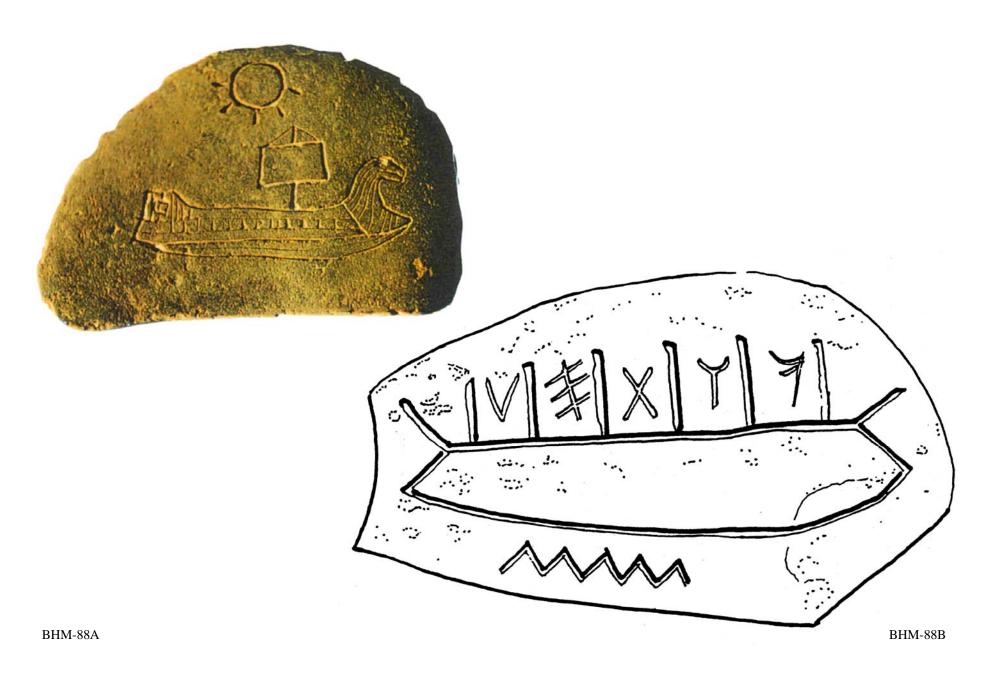
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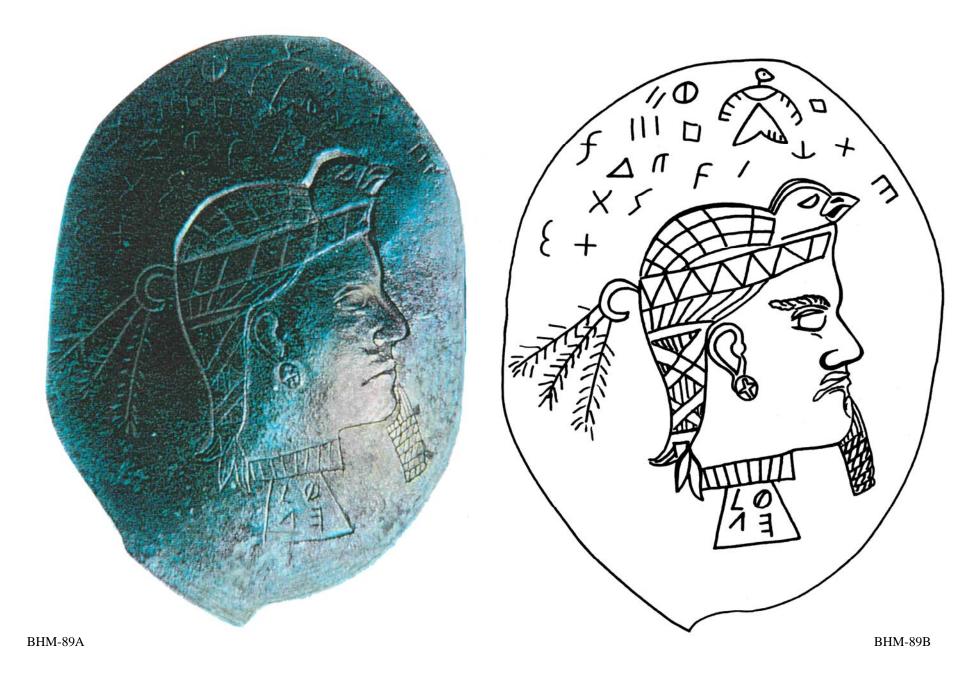


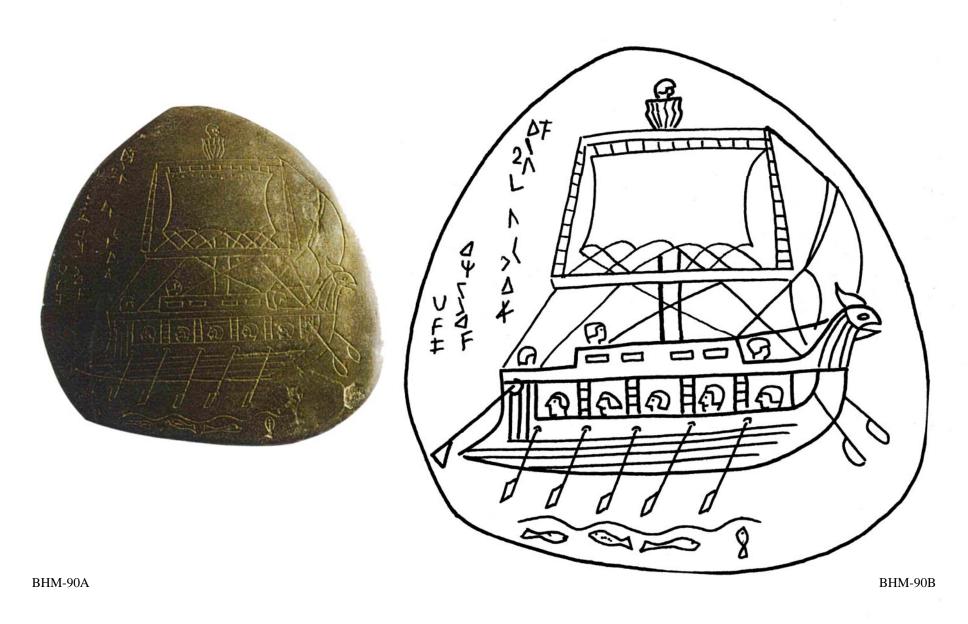


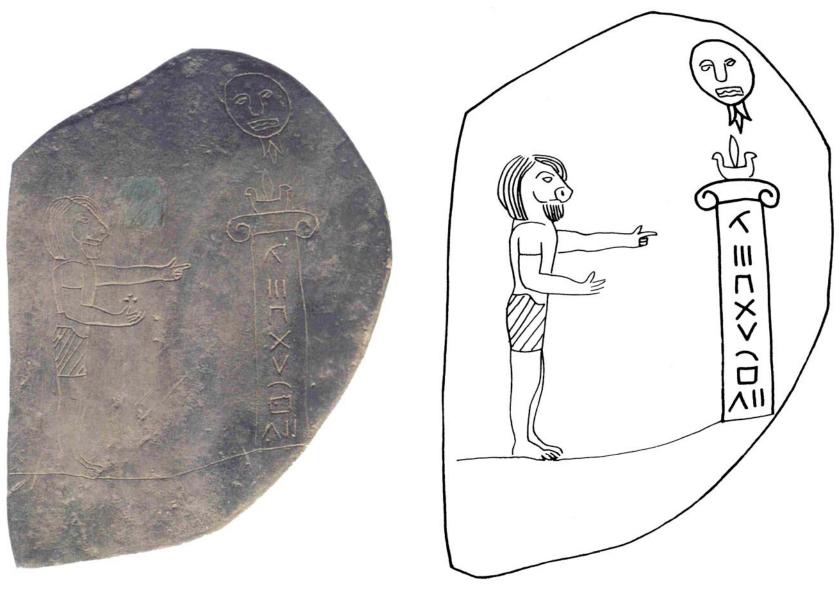
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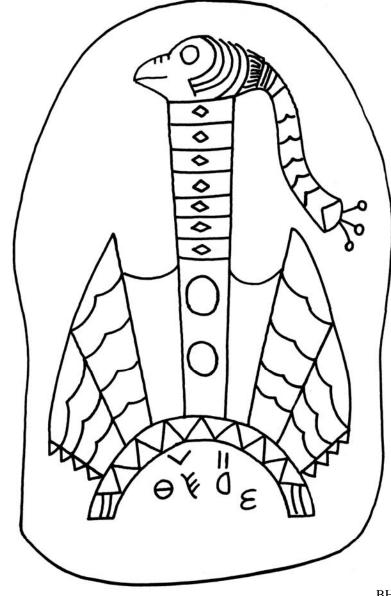


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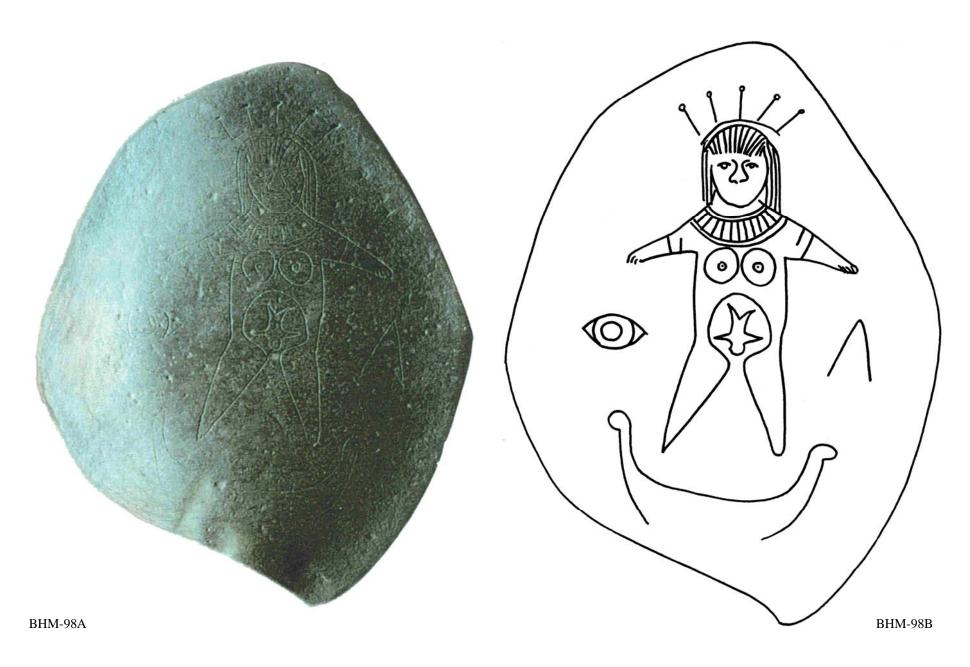


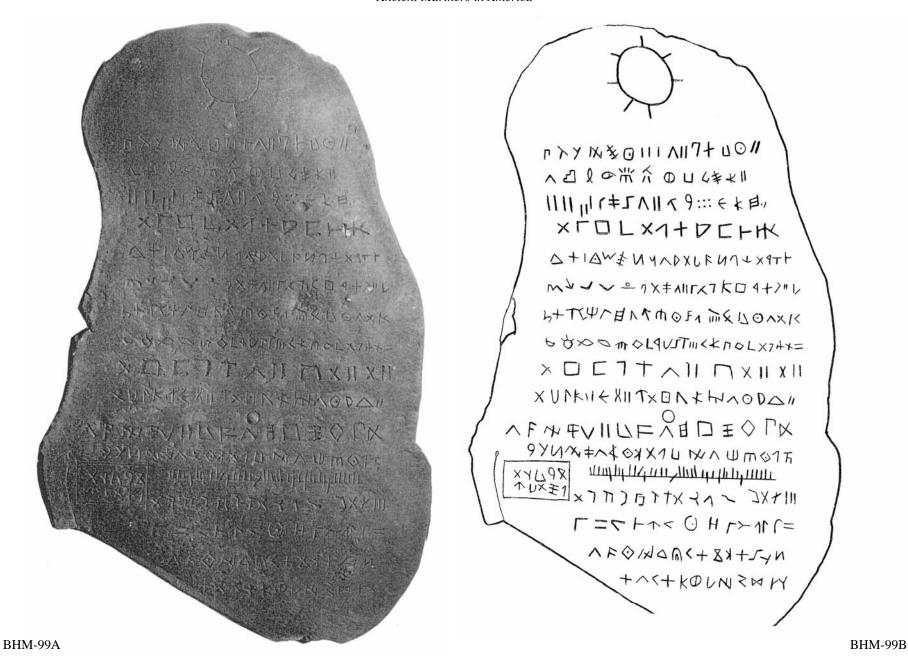
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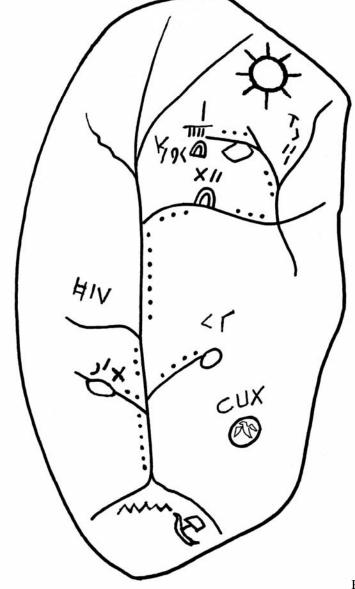


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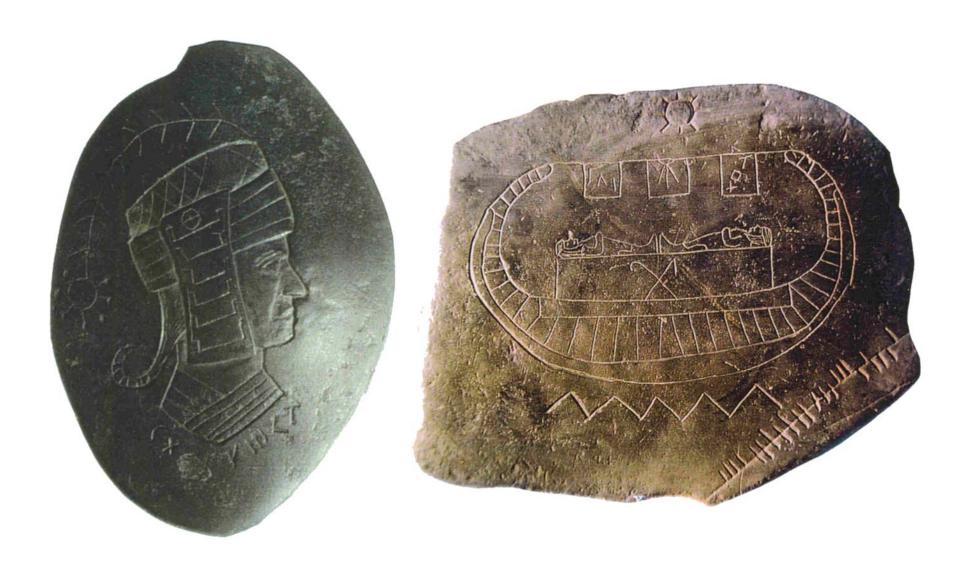




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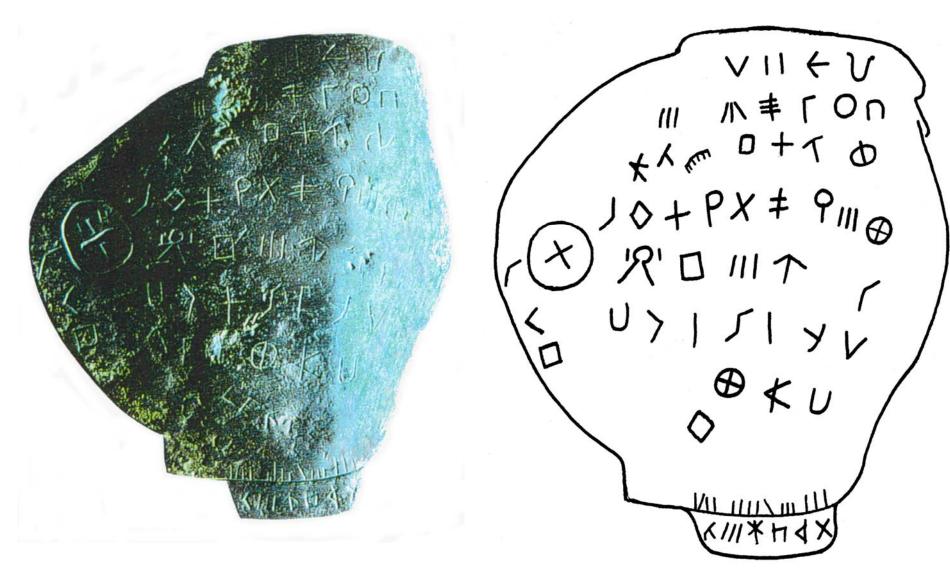


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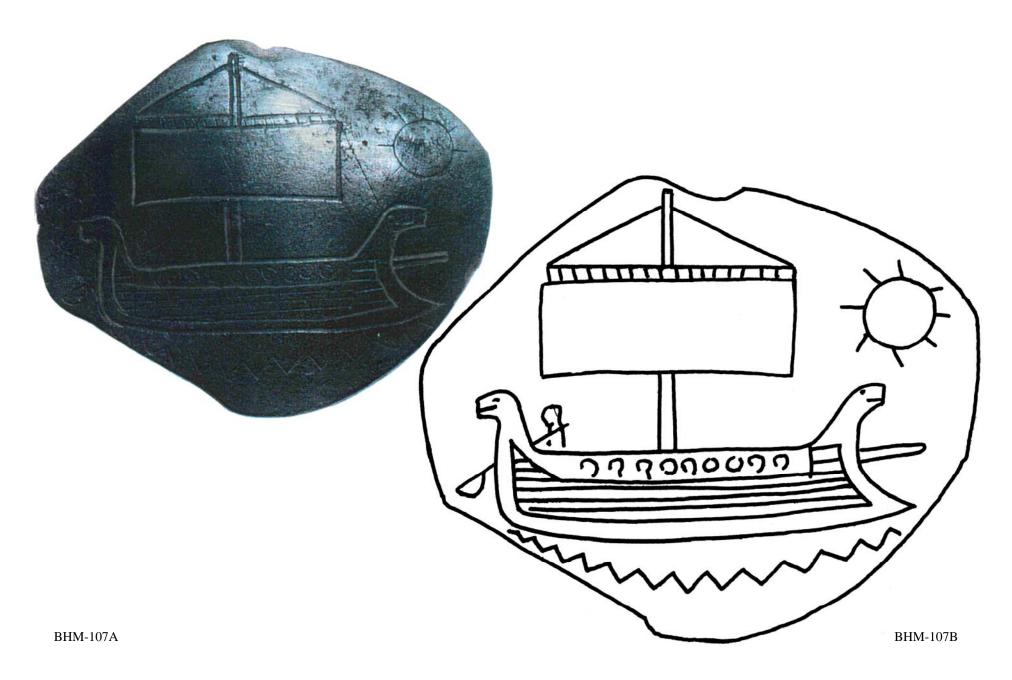


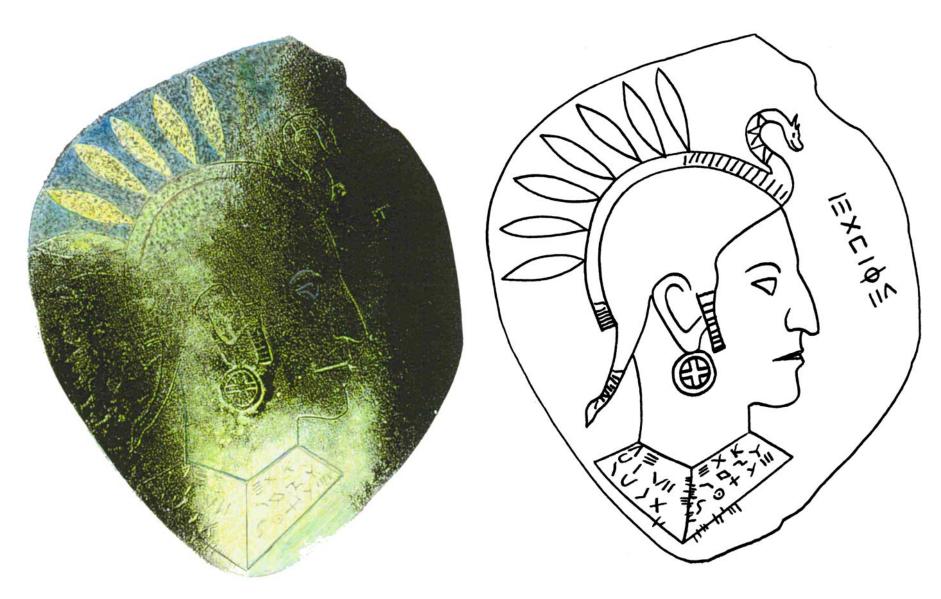


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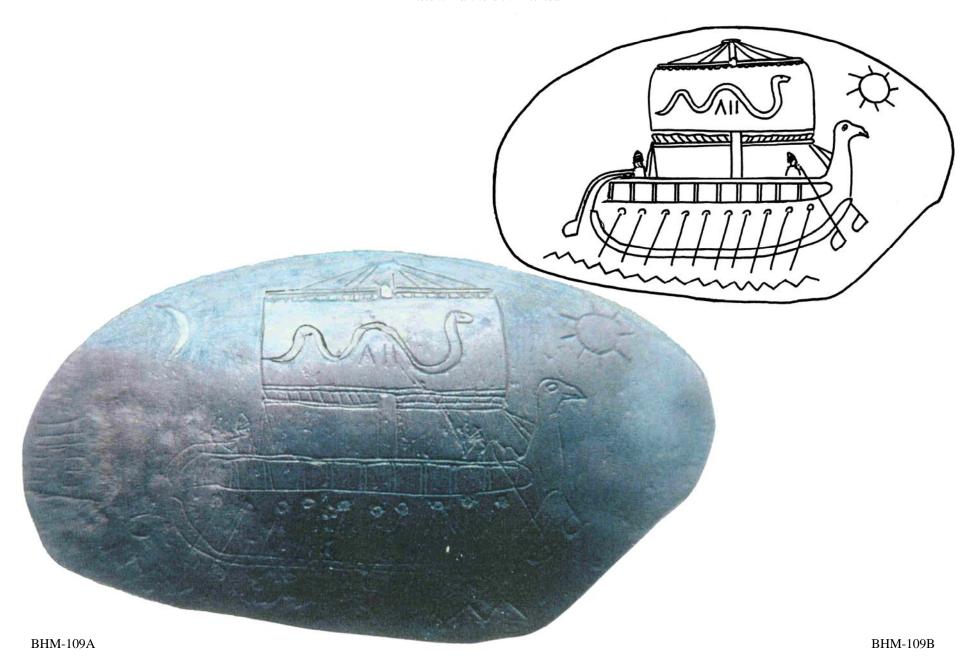








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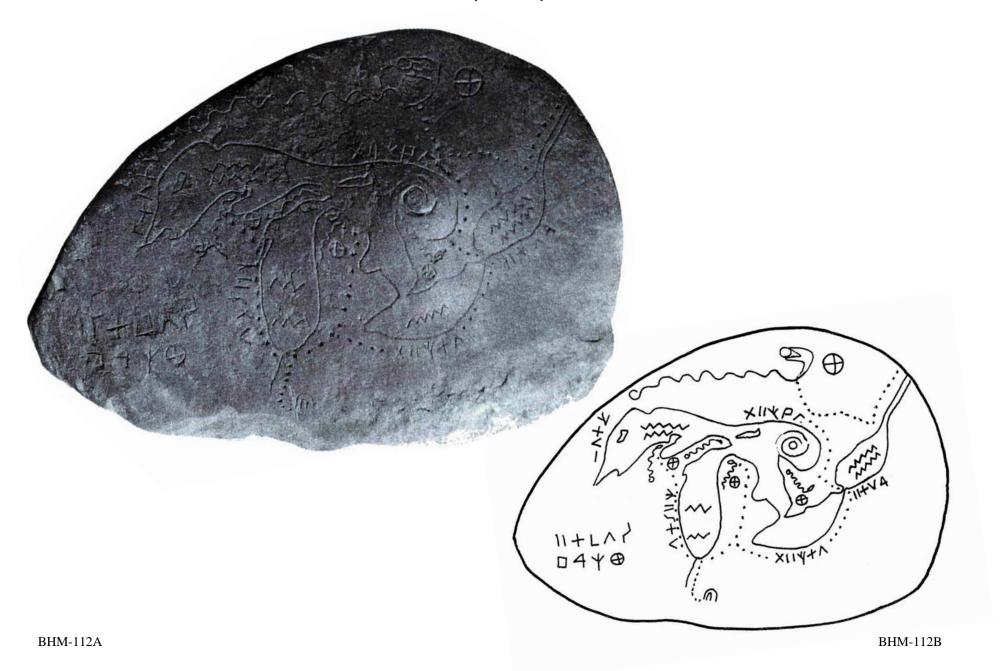




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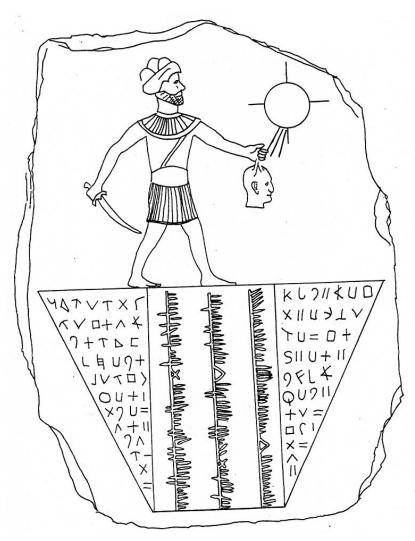


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# **Burrows Cave Tablet Translations**

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▲ The "Lord Dagos Stone" with inscriptions in Celtiberic and Ogham. Illustration by Beverley H. Moseley Jr. (BHM-11B)

# **The Lord Dagos Motif Stone**

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The following translation and study follows up on a previous trial interpretation which needed corrections and commentary. My improved data base with additional Celtiberian signs, Celtic grammar and lexicon has greatly facilitated the job of aligning the content with the iconography, all of which can be readily explained in the context of Celtiberic culture and religion. To better understand the intricacies of the Celtiberian ground, one must bear in mind that this culture was a tributary of the Aegean Sea People's migrations. Archaic traits reminiscent of the Philistines and other Ionian cultures such as the Illyric Venetians and Proto-Celtic Danans reflect this also.

# On the Celtiberic script

There has been much speculation on the origins of the Iberic scripts. Although very unlikely, for graphic and structural reasons, many have considered it a southern diffusion of the Punic script. Others have noticed the occurrence of signs from the Cypriote Linear A and B logosyllabic scripts. And indeed, Iberic scripts, not unlike Proto-Ogham, are for the most part logosyllabic. The Aegean source seems to be the most likely. When comparing ancient scripts, the best matches are found with the Illyric (Etruscan\Rhetic\ Venetic) and Celtiberic alphabets (see table 1).

This shows that at one time the Iberian Celts and Illyric-Venetic Aryans had not yet been differentiated when they acquired literacy. It is now clear that Proto-Oghams and Proto-Alphabets originated in the area of the central Danubian basin in what was once the Roman provinces of Dacia and Thrace below Illyria, now

the Carpathian states of Romania and Bulgaria.

# On the Oghamic script

Many foolish things have been written about oghams: that they were the products of Christian monks seeking to convert the heathens of Ireland, or that they were introduced there by Phoenician merchants. All of this is very unlikely for again, the most ancient examples of Oghams are found in the Danubian inscriptions side by side with the alphabetical signs.

This is also what the Irish tradition claims: Fenius Farsaid, versed in Latin, Greek, and Hebrew, made an expedition in the company of Goidel mac Etheoir, lar man Nema and a following of seventy two sages, from Scythia (Danube\Dacia) to the Plain of Shinar (Sumar), to study the languages gathered in the Tower of Nemrod: Tower of Babel. Having noticed that they had dispersed all over the world, he sent his sages on a mission to discover them.

After ten years, and much good research, the sages asked Fenius to create from all of the Earth's languages a special language that only they would understand. Fenius (>Uindios, "the White") accepted and created a secret language which he called Goideic (>Celtica, on par with Sanskrit) on the base of the name Goidel mac Etheoir (>Celtos maqos Itrios = "Nobel Son of the Sea-Treker"). He took the best of what was found in each language and gave to the vowels and consonants of what were to become the oghams, the names of his most noble sages, thus creating an "alphabet" (Auraice na n'Eces, Primer for the Learned or Poets).

We do not need to recall the many peregrinations of the Aryanic Sea-Peoples who had not yet differentiated into Ionian Greek, Illyrian Philistine, and Danan-Cimmerian Celtic dialects which the Hebrews knew as Philistine, Danedan and tribe of Gomer. What we need to know is that Iberia was colonized by these Celtiberic ethnogenesis. As for the names of the sages contained in each sound, this is an easy thing to explain: B for Bith from Bitus, "World"; L for Luis from Luxtos, "Part"; N for Nuin from Nudons, "Plutocrat", etc., etc.

Forfedha (<Ueruidues = "over sticks") are drawn differently to distinguish additional consonants from diphthongs. For example, the 'X' few (or Fedha in Irish) when crossing the druim line ( $\frac{1}{1}$ ) expresses the 'CHI' sound but when it is found under or over the druim, it expresses the 'EA' and 'EO' sounds.

Likewise, the 'O' few when bisected (♦) expresses the 'TH' sound and when under or over expresses the 'OI' and 'OE' sounds. The remaining signs express these sounds: ☐ for 'PH' and 'IA' or 'IE'; ※ for 'P' and 'UI' or 'UE'; and finally for 'XS' and 'AE' and 'AI'. The Forfedha are different from the other sounds in that they don't represent planets and constellations as the others do but the five elements: Xea = Xaimon (Earth); Thoi = Thepnes (Fire); Phio (Wia) = Auer (Air), Auentos (Wind); Pui = Pidsca (Water); and finally, Xsae = Xsos (>Exsos\Uxson) for Aether.

#### The Text

The contents of this Burrows Cave tablet do indeed refer to a Ueda which translates as Masters' Science reminiscent of the Auraicept text and which could compare with the Rig Vedas of India. Dauneota = giving, puns with Danuetes for 'Danan people.' The mythological motif illustrated here is the same as the one found in the Irish cycles with Lugh beheading Balor, Lord of Chaos. Balor's head was in fact the algol group or Caput Medusa in the Perseus constellation and Lugh, the Perseus stars. The Greek counterparts were Perseus and Medusa (Algol = ghoul) and the Vedic ones were Indra and the demon Vritra. The style is willingly

archaic reflecting an oriental Mediterranean origin for the Celtiberians as it was for the Etruscans and Latins. The god Dagos equates to the Irish Dagda (>Dagos Deuos = Good God) and the Philistine Dagon. Llu equates to the Irish Lugh (pronounced Loo) and the Gaulish Lugus which could be taken for Light, Raven, Fox, and Binding, Sworn. A complete transcription of the text and interpretation of icons here follows.

# Iconography (Top)

ULLAN (I), Alaunos is a chtonian deity linked to the art of smithing. His consert is Tuireann (Torendis = 'Spark', as from an anvil), who was turned into a bitch by a druid fairy. The trident and tribanna are important solar symbols linked to thunder and lightening.

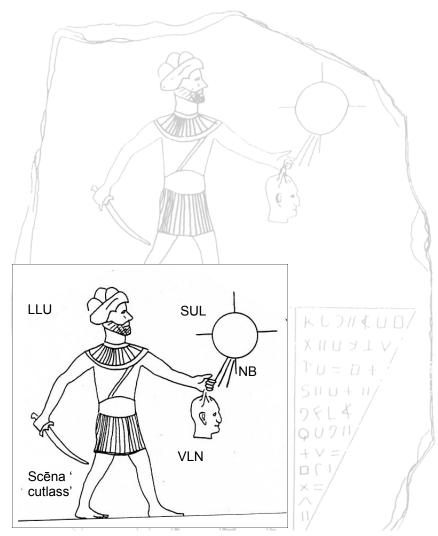
### **Text**

NB SUL: NEBOS, 'sovereign'; SULIS, 'Sun Goddess' = 'Eye,' 'Eye of the Sun'; thus 'Sovereign Sulis'

VLN: ULAN from Ulaunos/Alaunos = 'brilliant,' 'glistening'

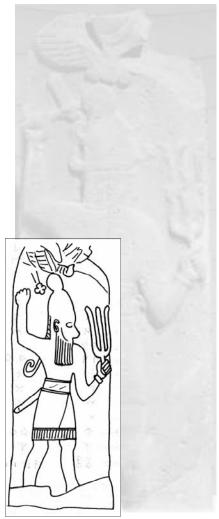
### **Translation**

'The Sun is sovereign over Ulan'



▲ The god Lugus in Philistine-style dress similar to Aryanic- Aegean culture. Note the belted kilt, sword and long hair done in a turban — all features found in Hittite style and dress.

# **Table of Compared Scripts 1**



▲ Hittite stela depicting the god Teshub holding a trident and wearing a belted kilt, his long-tressed hair tied in a bun.

	Etruscan	Ancient Venetic (Atestino Classica)	Celtiberic (alphabetical)
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'N/NG			VU

# **Celtiberic script (left)**

### **Transliteration**

Y/-D-U-W-Ta/Da-T/Dor Ta/DA – Ke/Ge U - W - O - T/D or Da/Ta - L-ABi/Pi - T/D or Ta/DA - U - D -Bi/Pi Ke/Ge - H - O/N/Ng - Bi/Pi -Ta/Da G/K - W - U - O - Ke/GeO - 'N/Ng/O - Ta/Da - ITa/Da - Bi/Pi - O/'n/Ng - EL - Ta/Da - EPi/Bi – L U - ITa/Da E

# ${\bf Transcription}$

Id Ouda Dage

Altauos

Bitud-bi

Dabiuke

Cuuoke

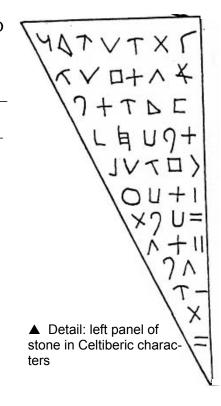
Itauo

Dabiue

Etal

Bil

Uidae



### **Text**

ID, This

OUDA, Lord

DAGE, Dagos (dagos = good)

ALTAUOS/-a/on, Highly, elevated, of high

BITUD, Always; BITUD-BI, of always

DABIUKE (Dubiucos), Dark, darkening

CUUOKE (Couocos), Hollowed, cave-like, cavernous

ITAUO (Itáô), To go, goes,; ITANO (Etana), poetry

DABIUE (Dubiuos/-a/0n), Black

ETAL (Etalos), Impulse

BIL (Bilos/-a/-on), Good; BELOS, Bright theonym

UIDAE (Uidie), Knows, it is known

# **Translation**

ID UUDA DAGE ALTAOUU BITUD-BI DABIUCE CUUOGE ITAUO DABIUE ETAL BIL UIDAE.

"This Lord Dagos of High, of Always Dark, Cave-like goes black impulse, Bel(ios) knows (has knowledge)."

# **Celtiberic script (right)**

# **Transliteration**

$$\begin{array}{l} X-B/P-B/P-E-A-O/{}^{\circ}N/Ng\\ -O\\ Da/Ta-E-O/{}^{\circ}N/Ng-E-Ta/Da\\ -W\\ Da/Ta-O/{}^{\circ}N/Ng-E-O-Da/\\ Ta\\ S-E-O/{}^{\circ}N/Ng-Da/Ta-E\\ Bi/Pi-E-Ge/Ke-A\\ R/Q-O/{}^{\circ}N/Ng-Bi/Pi-E\\ Ta/Da-W-E\\ O-Bi/Pi-I\\ Ta/Da-E\\ L\\ E\\ \end{array}$$

# **Transcription**

Xebbea'No

Odae Udae

Dauneota

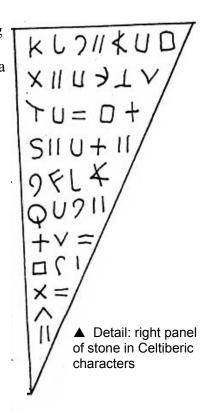
Etaues

Bieca

Ebur

Daue

Ibo-Dale



ETAUES (Etauis), Torch, Fire-brand

BECA (Becos/Beca), Little, bee; BIECA (Biacos/-a/-on), well as in good health, being well

EBUR (Eburos), Boar, Yew

DEUE (Deuos), God

EBURODEUE, acc. Of Eburodeuos

IBO/EBO, Theirs, to them, for them

DALE (Dalos), Share, division, part

IBO-DALE, for them this part

### **Translation**

XEBBEONO UDAE UEDA DAUNEOTA ETAUES BIECA EBUR DAUE IBO-DALE.

"To Cebbiones, Lord of Heights; the Udio Ueda of the Udoi, the lords of Ueda (Science; body of hymns = Vedas) giving the torch of well-being, Eburodeuos, the -Boar-God, Yes God, for them this part (share)!"

### **Text**

XEBBEA'NO (Xebbionos/Cebbionos), Of high theonym; XABBANA, shelter/cabin OUDOI (Oudos/Udos), Lord/lords; UIDA/UIDO, know/to know DOENTOS/DOONTOS/-a/-on, Giving

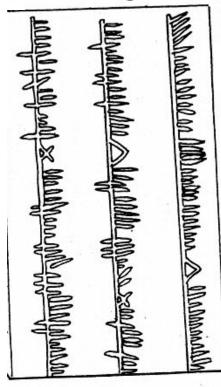
# **Ogham Fews (center)**

#### **Transliteration**

$$\begin{array}{l} L-A-N-A-L-EA/X \\ -L-L-U-S-O-L- \\ OI/TH-N-B-A-L-O \\ -V-A-N \end{array}$$

# **Transcription**

Sbon Ulon Glnea Abla Lma Bav Lanalea Llu Soloin Ba Lovan Byynoi Nyn Nsyn Nby



▲ Detail: center panel of stone in Ogham characters

## **Text**

SEBON (Sebos/-a/-on), false, crooked, curved, perverse ULON (cf. Ulan from Ulaunos/Alaunos/-a/-on), bright, brilliant GLNEA (Glania), pureness, holiness, cleanliness

ABLA, from Adbala/Adbelo (O.I. atbail, abla), perish, die; also Abala Abdolos, great, terrible, frightening

LMA from Lama, hand; BAV (Bôue), was; punning with LMABAV from Lamabattu, Lamabattuu (O.I. baudlàm), hand fight

LANA (cf. Lanô/Lenô, Linô v.) to flow, grounds with sanctuary, strip, strap (Lànos/-a/-on = whole, faultless, perfect)

LANALEA (Lanalia), those of the holy grounds, the perfect people

LU (from Luu/Lugu, vocative of Lugus), light, Raven, theonym punning with Lugus = dark, black

LLU, from Ellu/Illu, Elu/Ilu, adv., much; Elus/Ilus, many, much SOLOIN from Suolnestus, to manifest, make known; Sulanestus, bright

BA (v. ba), speak

LOVAN, from Lauenos/-a/-on, happy, joyous; Lauenious/-a/-on adj, joy, theonym and personal name

BVVNOI, from Buuanos/-a/-on, durable, eternal; Buuanoi, eternal ones

NVN from Nuen, Nouen, nine

NSVN from Nesson, hurt, wound; 'Nsunos/'Nsounos, sleepless NBV, from Ne-Bu (sub.), can't be, is not, non-being

NSVNNBV, Nasonebo Nason, ship plus —ebo, plural locative case: in the ships, to the ships

#### **Translation**

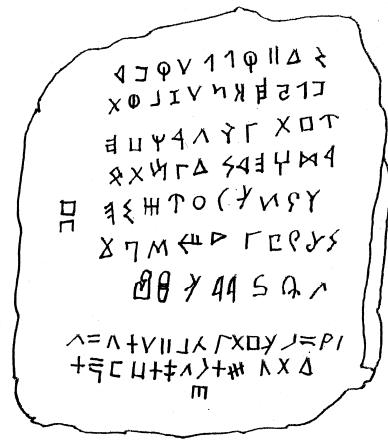
SEBON ULAN GLANIA ABOLO LAMA BOUE LANA EALLU SOLOIN LOUAN BUUNOI NUN NASUNNEBU

"Perverse Ulan, the Bright holiness terrible hand was! The Perfect Ones much make known announce joy! (The Perfect Shrine, Lugh of the Sun, Joy!) The Eternal Ones, Nine in the ships!

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# **Burrows Cave Artifact**



▲ BHM6: A Burrows Cave artifact with Celtiber inscription showing borrowing from Egyptian Hieroglyphs ( ) and use of Runic Glyphs ( ).

#### **Transliteration**

$$\begin{array}{l} R - \bar{\mathbb{U}} - R - W - L - L - R - E - D - S \\ TA - TH - G - O - W - N - K/C - H - I - L - \bar{\mathbb{U}} \\ D - N - DI/TI - \bar{A} - L - M - G/K \ (KE/GE) - T - \bar{O} - U \\ BE/PE - T - I - L - D - S - R - E - M - KO/GO - R \\ OBI - E - S - H - U - O - S - K - N - I - Y/U \ (GE/KE) - TH - B/P \ (BI/PI) \\ - S - S \\ DET - \check{S} - X/K - A - A - I - KA/GA - L \\ L - E - L - T \ (TA/DA) - W - E - D - TA/DA - L - T - \bar{O} - K/C - C/G - E \\ - R - I \\ T - EC - \bar{\mathbb{U}} - N - T - O - L - C/G - T - I/H - L - T/D - D \\ NH/NO \end{array}$$

# Transcription

Reuo Rouell (o) Redos Tathgo (s) Uinci (os) I Leu Beti Ledos Remgor Uincsouesobi Pepis Gir Ceth Biss Lecaia Axs Deuobi Le Litaue Di Dalt Ki Geri Dalth Tecon Lation Uect

#### Text

REUO: v. to murmur, softly utter, adverbial; ROUII: ind. 1<sup>st</sup> pers ROUELLO: v. make well, make whole

REDOS: adj., swift, easy, sleek

TATHGOS/-a/-on (TASGOS/-a/-on): able, capable, leader UINCII, gen. of Uincios/-a/on: of the heights, of the summit LEU: Leuo, Lion

UO-TEGEMO: Uo, twice, under + Tegemo: 1<sup>st</sup> pers. Pl of Tegeiq v., to cover LATION: calendar, calendar days

D: abb. of Diies, days, daytime period, or D day for D-Treba, *Treba Deuonni*, "House of Deuonnos or Donnos," falls twice monthly on the

advent of first and second quarter, on the  $8^{\rm th}$  day after Full and New Moons

BEITI: Beit-os/-a/-on, food, nourishment; BET-os/-s/0n, vegetal, -I, gen. LEDOS: c.n., currant, flow, horse, time; LEID-os/-a/-on, order, in ofder, adj. c.n.

REMGOR: v. Remgo/Reigmo/Remmo/Rimmo, attach, tie, link, lpers. optative tense; optavive t., of, relating to, or constituting a verbal mood that is expressive of wish, desire or hope; expressing wish to tie, link someone, something

UNICSOUESOS/Uincsuues-os/-s/-on: a mystic, lit. one who has good knowledge; UINXSUESOS (-obi, dat. Gen.) of the highly, knowledge of heights, high places

#### PEPIS/PEPOS/PAPOS/QAQOS, prn., each, every

GIR: from Gir-os/-s/-on, adj. and c.n.: kept-away, locked up, tidy, orderly, order

CETH: Cett-, Cet-os/-a/-on, sustenance, cover, shelter; CETO, v., to cover BISS, from Bissos/-a/-on (Besso/-s/-on), custom, convention

LECAI: pl. Leca/Lecca, flatstone

A: prep., to, at, of, for

AXS, from AXIS: axis; AXSA, markings, grooves

DEUOBI: acc., dative of Deu-os/-a/on, god; deuobi, pertaining to, relating to

LE: from Leo/lao/lego, v.: to place, put

LITAUE: acc. Of Litau-os/-a/-on, adj., large, wide, writing surface

DIDALT: Didalt-os/-a/-on, adj., disinstructed, out of instruction

CIGERI: from Cigerion, scissors; CIGER-os/-a/-on c.n., chisel; gen., cigeri, GERO, v. cut in pieces, cut-up,; CI-, from Cia/Pia, who, that

DALTH (Datla f.c.n.), assembly, gathering; DATLAS, gen. case of Datla

TECON: n. of Tec-os/-a, beautiful, handsome, fine

LATION: n.c.n., calendar, calendar days

UECT: from Uect-os/-a/-on, turn, time, occasion

#### **Translation**

REUO ROUELL (O) REDOS TATHGO (S) UINCI (OS) I LEU BETI LEDOS REMGOR UINCSOUESOBI PEPIS GIR CETH BISS LECAIA AXS DEUOBI LE LITAUE DI DALT KI GERI DALTH TECON LATION UECT

A little word to make well fast, Leo (Lion) leader (pilot) on high, Twice covers Calendar Cay D (Diies Donni), Day of Donn, Connecting with plant-life, Relating to the Unixsuues (Order of Mystics and Astrologers) Every order covers custom (convention)

Pertaining to the tablets of the gods' markings,

Placed after having instructed out with chisel,

Of the assembly on the occasion of the fine calendar days.

#### Meaning

This tablet provides us with much information on the rituals surrounding the preserving of the records. It is evident that the records were deliberately laid out in a manner respecting customary rite.

# **Table of Compared Scripts 2**

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▲ Drawing made from an ancient architectural structure in modern Libya. Libyan/Berber sculpture, top pf stone pillar, Carthage, Ancient Tunisia. Location, Bardo Museum.

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▲ Author Beverley Moseley with his model and map of the Falls of the Ohio River.

