

PUBLICATIONS

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All manuscripts prepared by Institute staff members and accepted by its Publications Committee as volumes in its regular series are edited in an Institute editorial office under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Hauser.

Ancient Egyptian tomb painting. 1420-1375 B.C.





Achaemenid gold medallion

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