

## W. Raymond Johnson

This year **W. Raymond Johnson** completed his thirty-sixth year working in Egypt, his thirty-fifth full year working for the Epigraphic Survey in Luxor, and his seventeenth season as Chicago House Field Director. On November 7, 2013, he gave the Amelia Edwards Memorial Lecture at the University of Bristol in Bristol, England, entitled “The Epigraphic Survey in Luxor: Current Activities.” On June 10 he presented a lecture entitled “Reconstructing the City of Akhenaten and Nefertiti: New Amarna Talatat Joins, Discoveries, and Surprises” at the Women’s Athletic Club in downtown Chicago as part of the Oriental Institute luncheon lecture series sponsored by Misty and Lewis Gruber. He used that occasion to announce a new project of the Epigraphic Survey, The Amarna Talatat Project, that focuses on the thousands of blocks from Amarna that were reused after Akhenaten’s death in building projects all over Egypt, even in Luxor. Ray’s ongoing re-examination of the known Amarna talatat material already has resulted in new joins and associations of blocks that are giving us significant new information about the types of scenes found at Amarna — some unknown until now — and what parts of the city they embellished. Publications this year include “A Fragment from the Reign of Tausret Reused at Medinet Habu,” co-authored with J. Brett McClain, *JARCE* 47 (2013), 177–86, and an obituary for Helen Jacquet-Gordon in the same *JARCE* volume (pages 1–8). Ray also published a reminiscence of our dear friend Dr. Barbara G. Mertz in the *Bulletin of the American Research Center in Egypt* (no. 203, Fall 2013): 60–61 as well as the 2014 *Chicago House Bulletin*.

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