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**The Griffith Institute Archive
Report of the Keeper of the Archive
for the period October 1, 2006 to October 10, 2007**

1. Staff.

The *Topographical Bibliography* staff also administers the Archive and the division of time is organized in a flexible way. Because of the emphasis on completing volume 8.3 of the *Topographical Bibliography*, relatively less time was left for work in the Archive during the year covered by this report.

Ms Jenni Navratil worked as a part-time (one day a week) scanner operator.

2. Archive closures.

The period of two weeks during which the Archive has to be closed every month is announced several months in advance. The system works well and there have been no complaints from Archive visitors.

3. Funding.

The annual budget of the Archive, £2,000, just about covers the very basic maintenance and conservation expenses but does not allow us to start on any larger Archive project. For this we have to rely on cooperation with other institutions or on funds raised by us for the Archive Conservation Fund. The Archive's annual budget has now been kept at the same level for several years and I should like to ask the Committee of Management to increase it to allow for inflation.

4. Archive activities, including scanning.

Work continued on expanding and improving the presentation of material in the *Tutankhamun: Anatomy of an Excavation* database. All notes prepared by Howard Carter for the final publication of the tomb have been scanned and transcribed, and the scanning of all maps and plans has been completed. All these will be put online in the course of this year.

The scanning of the negatives made by Reginald StAlban Heathcote (1888-1951) continued and should be completed by the end of October 2007.

Work on the database of *Petrie's Photographs of Egypt*, a joint project with the Friends of the Petrie Museum, continued and will be completed by the end of December 2007.

The most important among our squeezes made in various Theban tombs and in the Valley of the Kings have been made published online on the Griffith Institute's webpages (<http://griffith.ashmus.ox.ac.uk/gri/4khaem.html>, [4paser.html](http://griffith.ashmus.ox.ac.uk/gri/4paser.html) and [4sethos.html](http://griffith.ashmus.ox.ac.uk/gri/4sethos.html)). This is the first time that material of this type has been made available in a digital form online.

Minor conservation measures have been taken on a daily basis for a number of records.

6. Visitors.

Visitors from fourteen countries (Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Israel, Japan, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sudan, United Kingdom, USA) visited or came to work in our Archive on 158 occasions. This included a group visit by students of Egyptology at Oxford and a group of curators from Egyptian and Sudanese museums.

7. Accessions.

Some 2,500 colour transparencies made by John Ross (presented to us by Mrs Judy Ross). This is a significant and important addition to our Archive.

Some additional papers, including parts of the planned grammar of Middle Egyptian, of Professor Mordechai Gilula (presented by Mrs Gilula).

8. The Griffith Institute disaster plan.

This was revised and updated and came into effect on March 1, 2007.

8. Publicity.

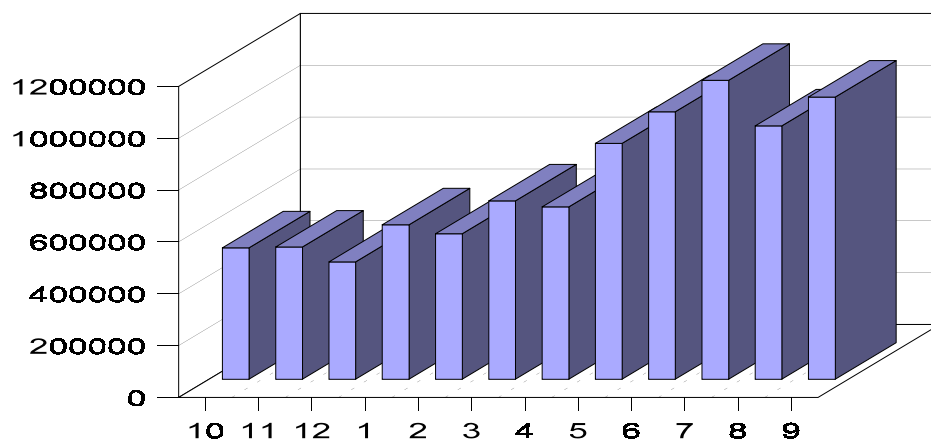
Articles on our online presentation of the 19th-century squeezes made in Theban tombs TT 56 (Khaemhet), TT 106 (Paser) and tomb KV 17 (Sethos I) in the Valley of the Kings appeared in *Ancient Egypt* (published in the United Kingdom) and *Archaeological Diggings* (published in Australia).

9. The website (<http://griffith.ashmus.ox.ac.uk>).

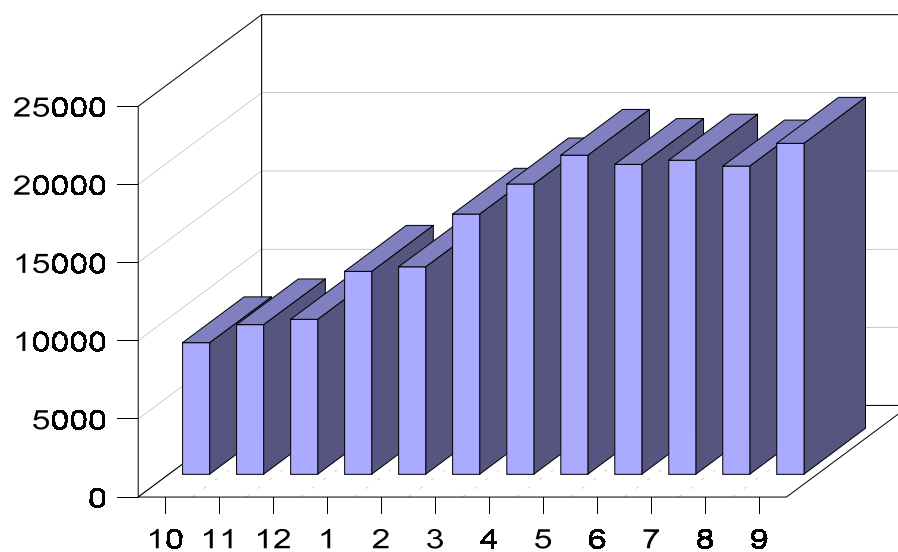
Webmaster: Jonathan Moffett. Egyptologist responsible for the content: Jaromir Malek.

This continues to be one of the most often consulted websites in Egyptology. Unfortunately, we suffered hugely as the result of the changes of the URL of the Ashmolean server and of the Griffith Institute's webpages and are only now returning to the situation which existed a year ago.

Requests for pages ('hits') (altogether 9,138,008):



Visitors (altogether 190,536):



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