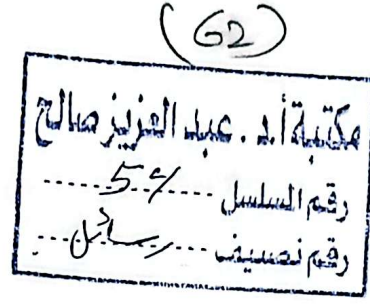


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## Abstract

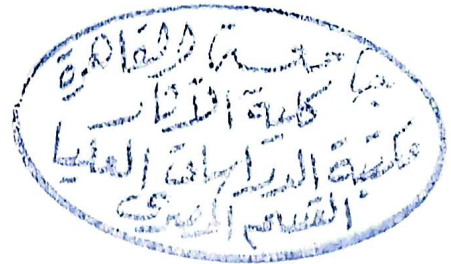
This study concerns with the publication of sixty Coptic ostraca that were acquired from the storey of "Ali Hassan" at Qurna-Luxor by the *National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC)* in 2008. The ostraca is housed now in the temporary storey of the *NMEC* "Abdel el-Rahman Abd el-Tawab" in "Fustat-Old Cairo".

The study is divided into two parts as follows:

Part One "Texts": contains the translation of the texts. It is classified according to the subject matters of the texts into four chapters respectively; letters, exercises, Biblical texts, and personal Prayers.

Part Two "Analytical study": it is devoted to the analytical study that has depended on the yielded results from the translation of the texts. It is divided into three chapters respectively; "The Date and Provenance"; it concerns with assigning a proper date and provenance for the group of the ostraca on which it has appeared that the present group of ostraca dates back to the end of the sixth century until the first half of the seventh century AD, and its proper provenance was Sheikh Abd- el- Qurna at western Thebes. Chapter two "The Community"; it is specified to the personalities that has appeared in the texts and their historical, archaeological and cultural background as well the Christian communities in western Thebes from the fifth century to the end of the eighth century AD. The last chapter , chapter three "The script and the language"; it deals with the kinds of the scripts as well the language of the studied texts.

At the end of the study comes the "Conclusion" on which the scholar states the cultural, lingual results that have yielded from the two parts of the study, then the facsimile and the plates.



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