



HOWARD CARTER

ARCHAEOLOGIST AND EGYPTOLOGIST

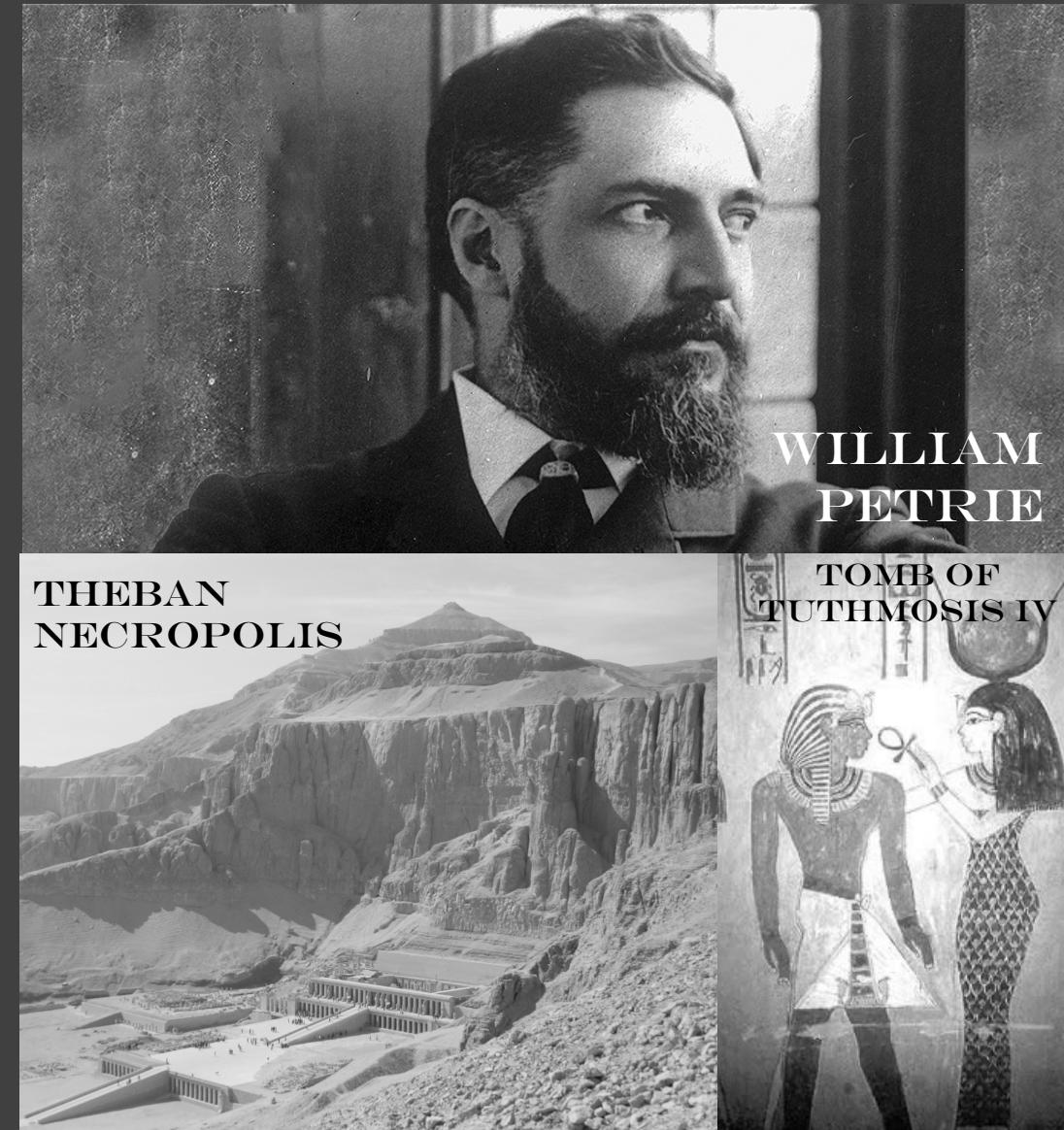
EARLY LIFE

- BORN: MAY 9, 1874 IN LONDON
- 10 SIBLINGS
- FATHER AND GRANDFATHER WERE GAME KEEPERS AT A LOCAL ESTATE
- FATHER BECAME A PROMINENT ARTIST
- RAISED IN SWAFFHAM BY HIS 2 AUNTS
- EXPERIENCE WITH WILLIAM AMHERST AS A CHILD LED TO HIS INTEREST IN EGYPTOLOGY



WORK PRIOR TO TUTANKHAMEN

- BEGAN WORK AT 17 IN 1891 AS A ‘TRACER’ FOR THE EGYPTIAN EXPLORATION FUND
- ANY TRAINING CAME FROM WILLIAM FLINDERS PETRIE
 - EXPLORED... THE THEBAN NECROPOLIS/THE TEMPLE OF QUEEN HATSHEPSUT, TOMB OF TUTHMOSIS IV, AND THE CEMETERY OF 18TH CENTURY QUEENS
- GIVEN POSITION OF PRINCIPAL ARCHAEOLOGIST FOR THE EEF
- IN 1899 CARTER TOOK A POSITION WITH THE EGYPTIAN ANTIQUITIES SERVICE
 - RESIGNED IN 1905



THE TOMB OF TUTANKHAMEN

- IN 1907, CARTER MET LORD CARNARVON
- LITTLE EVIDENCE OF THE TOMB WAS FOUND UNTIL 1922 WHEN THE STEPS TO THE TOMB WERE FOUND

QUOTE FROM HOWARD CARTER

“THE DECISIVE MOMENT ARRIVED. WITH TREMBLING HANDS I MADE A TINY BREACH... AT FIRST I COULD SEE NOTHING...BUT PRESENTLY, AS MY EYES GREW ACCUSTOMED TO THE LIGHT, DETAILS OF THE ROOM WITHIN EMERGED SLOWLY FROM THE MIST, STRANGE ANIMALS, STATUES, AND GOLD—EVERWHERE THE GLINT OF GOLD.... I WAS STRUCK DUMB WITH AMAZEMENT, AND WHEN LORD CARNARVON, UNABLE TO STAND THE SUSPENSE ANY LONGER, INQUIRED ANXIOUSLY, “CAN YOU SEE ANYTHING” IT WAS ALL I COULD DO TO GET OUT THE WORDS, “YES, WONDERFUL THINGS.”



THE TOMB OF TUTANKHAMEN

- AFTER OPENING THE CHAMBER, THE EXCAVATION TEAM WAS UNAWARE IF THE KINGS BODY WAS ACTUALLY WITHIN THE TOMB
- ONLY THE ANTECHAMBER WAS CATALOGUED UP UNTIL FEBRUARY OF 1923 WHEN THE BURIAL CHAMBER WAS OPENED
 - TOMB ROBBERS NEVER REACHED THE MUMMY
 - MUMMY WAS NOT SEEN UNTIL 1925
 - WHEN UNWRAPPING THE MUMMY THE SKULL WAS DENTED DUE TO IT DETACHING FROM THE BODY
- BESIDES THIS INCIDENT, ALL ARTIFACTS AND THE MUMMY WERE COLLECTED WITH CARE AND UNDAMAGED



THE CURSE OF TUTANKHAMEN

- WHAT IS THE CURSE?
- WHO DIED?
- 8 DIED WITHIN 12 YEARS OF OPENING OF THE SARCOPHAGUS OUT OF 58
- NOTABLE INCIDENTS
- CARTER'S PET CANARY WAS EATEN BY A COBRA IN HIS APARTMENT IN LONDON
- LORD CARNARVON DIED OF BLOOD POISONING
- SIR BRUCE INGHAM'S HOME BURNED DOWN AFTER RECEIVING A MUMMIFIED HAND PAPERWEIGHT WITH A SCARAB BRACELET WHICH APPARENTLY SAID "CURSED BE HE WHO MOVES MY BODY. TO HIM SHALL COME FIRE, WATER, AND PESTILENCE"
- IS THE CURSE REAL?



POST TUTANKHAMEN

- THE CATALOGING OF KING TUTS TOMB TOOK 10 YEARS
- HOWARD CARTER RETIRED AFTER THIS WAS FINISHED
- RECEIVED AN HONORARY PHD FROM YALE UNIVERSITY
- IN HIS RETIREMENT HE COLLECTED ARTIFACTS, LECTURED, AND WORKED IN MUSEUMS
- DIED OF LYMPHOMA IN HIS LONDON APARTMENT AT THE AGE OF 64 IN 1939



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