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**Case No.: 2**

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**Formal Label:** ME-Egypt-Sinai- Proto-Sinaitic-Limestone-1850-1550 BCE

**Display Description:**

Proto-Sinaitic, also referred to as Sinaitic (1850 BCE) or Proto-Canaanite (1550 BCE), a Middle Bronze Age (Egyptian Middle Kingdom) script attested in a small corpus of inscriptions found at Serabit el-Khadim in the Sinai Peninsula, Egypt. "Proto-Sinaitic inscriptions" were discovered in the winter of 1904–1905 in Sinai by Hilda and Flinders Petrie. To this may be added a number of short "Proto-Canaanite" inscriptions found in Canaan and dated to between the 17th and 15th centuries BC, and more recently, the discovery in 1999 of the so-called "Wadi el-Hol inscriptions", found in Middle Egypt by John and Deborah Darnell. The Wadi el-Hol inscriptions strongly suggest a date of development of Proto-Sinaitic writing from the mid-19th to 18th centuries BCE.

**LC Classification:**

**Date or Time Horizon:**

**Geographical Area: Sinai**

**Map:**

**GPS coordinates:**

**Cultural Affiliation:**

**Media:**

**Dimensions:**

**Weight:**

**Condition:**

**Provenance:**

**Discussion:**

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