A263-Afr-Egy-Ushabti-Saite Period, 26th Dynasty, 664–525 BCE

 

**Case No.: 2**

**Formal Label-**Ushabti-Saite Period, 26th Dynasty, 664–525 BCE

**Display Description:** This mummiform Ushabti, Saite Period, 26th Dynasty, 570-525 BCE, has a plain, tripartite wig, arms crossed right over left on the chest and the right hand is holding a pick and a seed basket that is flung over the left shoulder, and the left hand is holding a hoe. There is a shallow dorsal pillar which merges with the wig, and the entire Ushabti is placed on a trapezoidal base. **There is a dorsal pillar upon which is inscribed “Osiris,** Psamtik **seneh,” which indicated his allegiance to his Pharaoh.**

**Accession Number: A263**

**LC Classification:** DT62

**Date or Time Horizon:** Saite Period, 26th Dynasty, 664–525 BCE

**Geographical Area: Sais, Egypt**

**Map, GPS Coordinates:** 30.96650 30.76751, 30º57'59.41" N 30º46'3.02" E

 

Fig. Left. Sais on the Nile after http://latitude.to/lat/30.96606/lng/30.76785. Fig. Sais reconstructed according to Jean-Claude Golvin, http://jeanclaudegolvin.com/sais-2/.

**Cultural Affiliation:** Sais Period, Egypt

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**Medium:** blue glaze over kaolin clay

**Dimensions: H 89.52 mm; 3.52 in  
Weight: 29 gm; 1 oz**

**Provenance: unknown**

**Condition:** original, crack in lower part**.**

**Discussion:** Psamtik I, ruled 664–610 BCE, commanded a loose confederation of twelve Egyptian territories, based on the traditional nomes or territories (spAt, in Egyptian), and the rise of Psamtik I in power, establishing the Saitic Dynasty, which is recorded in Herodotus's *Histories* (Bk II: ll. 151–157). Twenty local princelings were appointed by Esarhaddon (king of the Neo-Assyrian Empire who reigned 681 – 669 BCE) to govern Egypt. This Ushabti therefore confirms his allegiance to Psamtik I and not the Neo-Assyrian Esharhaddon.

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