

APPENDIX 2

CHILDREN'S BURIALS AT DEIR EL-MEDINA

This Appendix collates all burials of children known from Deir el-Medina. Given the differing levels of preservation between the Eastern and Western necropolises, and also the difference in burial nature as outlined in Chapter 6, there is more data available for the Eastern necropolis. This Appendix therefore focusses more heavily on that data-set. However, for the Eastern necropolis, as Chapter 6 discusses, Bruyère's interpretation of the internments is problematic; his identification of burials as either of children or adults cannot be relied upon. As such, and as less than 30 burials were recorded overall, all Eastern necropolis burials are collated here; the distinction between those of children and adults is discussed in Chapter 6 itself. For the Western necropolis, where most burials consisted of family tombs, only those which contained definite evidence of children have been included.

1. EASTERN NECROPOLIS BURIALS: MANNER, DIMENSIONS AND BRUYÈRE'S INTERPRETATION

1A. BURIALS NOT RECORDED IN FINAL GRAVE REGISTER:

Grave	Container type	Container length	Body length	Excavator's interpretation	Reference
3	Basket	Unrecorded	Unrecorded		Bruyère n.d. (a): 1-2
No number	Basket	Unrecorded	Unrecorded	Enfant	Bruyère 1937b: 18
No number	5 vase burials	Unrecorded	Unrecorded		Fig. 12; Bruyère n.d. (a): 1-2
No number	Basket	Unrecorded	Unrecorded		Fig. 12; Bruyère n.d. (a): 1-2
DX1	Basket	0.51m	Unrecorded	Kind	Anthes 1943: 52, Fig. 19
DX2	Basket	0.54m	Unrecorded	Kind	Anthes 1943: 52-3, Pl. 17
DX3	2 boxes with shabtis		Unrecorded		Anthes 1943: 53-5, Fig. 21, Pl. 15b
DX4	Basket	0.52m	Unrecorded		Anthes 1943: 55

1B. BURIALS RECORDED IN FINAL GRAVE REGISTER (BRUYÈRE 1937B):

Grave	Container type	Container length	Body length	Bruyère's interpretation
1365	Unknown	Unknown	No body	
1366	Unknown	Unknown	No body	
1367	Unknown	Unknown	No body	
1368	Anthropoid coffin	1.25m	No body	
1369	Unknown	Unknown	No body	
1370	Box coffin Anthropoid coffin	1.96m 1.81m	1.58m 1.6m	Homme âgé Femme âgée
1371	Anthropoid coffin	1.95m	1.59m	Femme jeune
1372	Box coffin Anthropoid coffin Anthropoid coffin	1.3m 1.14m 0.99m	Unrecorded Unrecorded Unrecorded	Petite fille Enfant Enfant
1373	Basket	0.65m	0.8m	Enfant
1374	Basket	c. 0.5m	Unrecorded	Enfant, nouveau-né
1375	Box coffin	1.15m	0.85m	Petite fille, très jeune
1376	Rush mat	c. 1m	No body	
1377	Box coffin	1.95m	No body	
1378	Basket	c. 0.5m	Unrecorded	Tout petit enfant, au niveau des tombes d'adultes
1379	Box coffin Anthropoid coffin	1.8m 1.88m	1.45m 1.5m	Homme très âgé Femme âgée
1380	Anthropoid coffin	1.87m	1.72m	Femme jeune, toute jeune fille
1381	Anthropoid coffin	1.93m	1.53m	Femme jeune
1382	Box coffin Box coffin Box coffin	1.8m 1.64m 1.9m	1.68m 1.58m 1.6m	Homme très âgé Femme jeune Femme jeune
1383	Rush mat	c. 0.9m	Unrecorded	Enfant
1384	Box	0.6m	Unrecorded	Petit squelette
1385	Anthropoid coffin	0.95m	Unknown	
1386	Anthropoid coffin No coffin No coffin	1m Unrecorded Unrecorded	1m + 1.47m 1.56m	Petit garçon D'âge moyen D'âge moyen
1387	Unknown	No body	No body	Adulte
1388	Box coffin Box coffin	1.85m 1.85m	1.6m 1.62m	Femme jeune, au niveau des tombes d'adultes Femme jeune, au niveau des tombes d'adultes
1389	Anthropoid coffin	1.85m	1.75m	Homme très âgé
1390	Box	0.5m	Unrecorded	Petit enfant, à l'étage des enfants

3. WESTERN NECROPOLIS BURIALS: MANNER, DIMENSIONS AND BRUYÈRE'S INTERPRETATION

Because of the different nature of evidence from the Western necropolis—most reliable evidence comes from Dynasty 19 or later, when burials had transitioned into family tombs rather than individual graves—and the frequently pillaged condition of such burials, a full register cannot be created as for the Eastern necropolis. As such, the following table collates all graves where evidence of children was found, alongside any grave goods if present.

Based on Bruyère's reports, it is unclear whether the final entry in this table—an apparent pair of child's sandals—come from TT359 or TT360. This entry has therefore not been included in the accompanying tally of grave goods. For the same reason, neither has the entry listed here under 1322-1325.

Grave	Date	Container type	Container length	Body length	Other possible evidence of child	Excavator's interpretation	Reference
1091	Dynasty 18	Fragments of coffin				Jeune fille	Bruyère 1927: 56-7
1137	Dynasty 18	Five skulls; no container			Skull	Quatre adultes Un enfant	Bruyère 1929a: 10-12
1159A	Dynasty 18	Box coffin Anthropoid coffin Anthropoid coffin	0.83m 1.83m 1.92m	0.25m 1.66m		Enfant Adulte Adulte	Bruyère 1929a: 40-73
1228	Dynasty 18				Skull	D'enfant	Bruyère 1933: 25-7
1347	Dynasty 18	Numerous bodies; no containers				Une momie d'enfant	Bruyère 1937a: 95
1352	Dynasty 18	Box coffin Anthropoid coffin Anthropoid coffin Anthropoid coffin Anthropoid coffin	2.88m 1.4m 1.92m 1.82m 1.92m	1.02m 1.25m 1.6m 1.62m 1.49m		Petit enfant Homme Femme Femme	Bruyère 1937a: 95-109
1069	Ramesside	Fragments of four + anthropoid coffins Box coffin				Femmes et hommes Jeune fille, enfant	Bruyère 1927: 27-35
1125	Ramesside				Sandal	D'enfant	Bruyère 1928: 39-40
1229	Undateable	No container				Enfant	Bruyère 1933: 23
1322-1325	Unknown				Sandal	D'enfant	Bruyère 1937a: 60-3
Entrance to 1360	Unknown	Box	1.02m			Enfant	Bruyère 1937a: 133
TT2	Ramesside				Two pairs of sandals	D'enfant	Bruyère 1928: 50-3
TT5	Ramesside				Sandal	D'enfant	Bruyère 1927: 85-6
TT356	Ramesside	Two bodies; no container				Femme Enfant	Bruyère 1929a: 77-93
TT337	Ramesside	Several coffins,				Deux momies d'enfants	Bruyère 1926: 76-80
TT359 or TT360	Ramesside				Three pairs of sandals	D'enfant	Bruyère 1933: 109

