

Models of granaries from Tell-El Dabaa-Qanan

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Introduction

The museum storehouse in Tell el-Ruba contains about 450 vessels from excavations in several areas in Dakahlia, such as Tell el-Farkha, Tell el-Samara, and Tell Manshiyet Ezzat (Figure 1). Among these areas is Tell el-Dabaa Qanan, where unique models of granaries were found. This poster will discuss the nature of the models, their connection to models found in other areas in Egypt, as well as the similarities between them and real stores.

Types of Granary Model

Type 1 Material: Nile clay C2.
Technique: base formed using a clay slab, body was roughly formed without turning.
Surface treatment: Plain rough surface.
Size: Medium.

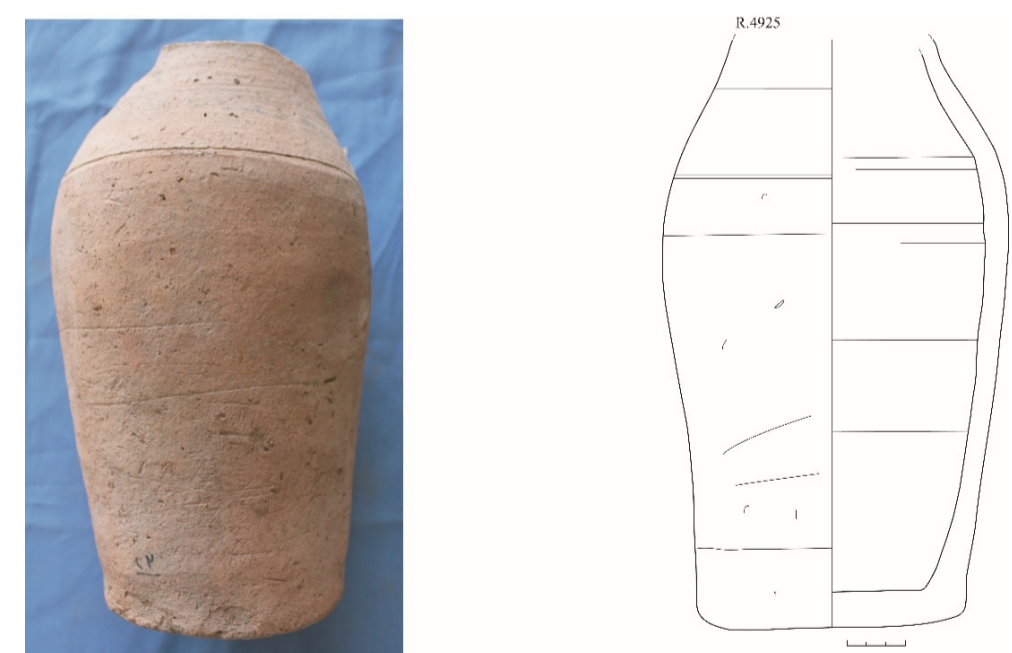


Type 2 Material: Nile clay C2.
Technique: base formed using a clay slab, and the body was roughly formed without turning.
Surface treatment: Plain rough surface.
Size: Medium.



All from Tell el Dabaa, Qanan

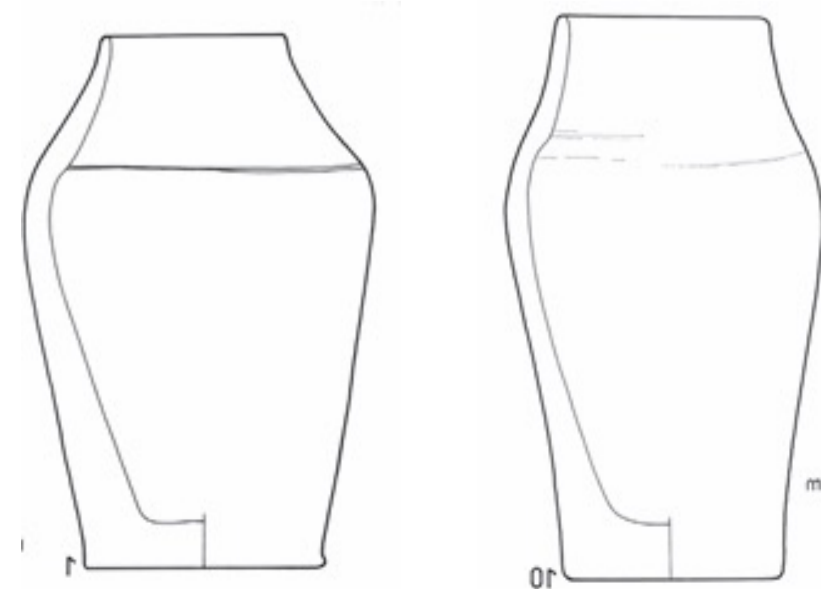
Type 3 Material: Nile silt C1.
Technique: Base formed using a clay slab, body formed by coiling, and smoothed.
Surface treatment: Plain, uncoated surface.
Size: Large.
Date: First Dynasty.
Comparative references: found at Ghazala, Phase IV; Naqada IIIA1-IIIB, Abydos, Dynasty 1. Another form with openings in the body was found at Abydos, Dynasty 1, Hierakonpolis, and Manshiyet Abu Omar.



Tell el Dabaa, Qanan



Abydos



All from Ghazala



Fig. 1. Sites in the north-east Delta where granary models were found.

Discussion

These cylindrical silo shapes were made at the beginning of the Naqada II period from fine pottery, later replaced by coarse pottery, with the emergence of closed forms. These vessels represent a settled agricultural society and also reflect their owners' keenness to take their storehouses with them to be replenished with grain in the afterlife. Furthermore, the researcher believes they embody the concept of the granary in the earthly world, ensuring the availability of food and provisions in the afterlife.