

Reverend  
Theodore  
Pitcairn  
Creek Road  
Bryn Athyn, Pa.

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Miss Dorothy K. Hill,  
Walters Art Gallery,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Miss Hill:

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No indeed there is nothing secret about the origin of your piece 22.106. According to information I have received this sculpture together with the Pitcairn piece was brought from Egypt during Napoleon's time to the Chateau des Egalades in Southern France. I heard it stated that they were brought back by Champollion and probably if you were to run through his biography you could substantiate the statement.

I agree with you that it is very unlikely that these two pieces were joined. What the dealer probably meant was that they were attached to a background from which they were separated. Dr. Ranke and I examined the Pitcairn example very carefully about a month ago and as we are to be in Baltimore for the Oriental Congress next week, we shall take the opportunity to examine your piece thoroughly. It is extremely unusual, to say the least, to find two large sculptures of the same woman and I think it may be possible to identify the tomb from which these pieces came. Both Dr. Ranke and I were inclined to date the Pitcairn example as late in the XVIIIth Dynasty although it is quite possible you are right in marking yours early XIXth Dynasty.

Yours sincerely,

*John D. Cooney*  
John D. Cooney  
Curator of Egyptology

Measure:

Length of Base: 2 1/2 ft.

Back of the base: 18"

front — : 15"

H. ca. 4 feet.