

Basic Detail Report



Brick

Date

626-539 BC

Medium

mudbrick

Description

Fragment of mud brick from Babylon inscribed with cuneiform. This is a small oblong section, partly recessed in a corner at the edge. It has a cracked and scratched

upper surface. The brick is only a quarter of the original. It was probably sawn in pieces for sale in Europe. The inscription in the centre was made by a stamp which describes the place, building project and Babylonian ruler the brick was manufactured for. It would also usually include a dedication to a deity. A Captain Johnson brought this and other pieces over from Iraq for the East India House Museum and Henry Syer Cuming acquired it from a Mrs Belasize. How she came to have it is not yet known.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 82 x 185 x 175 mm