Object: Quadratic insert

Museum: Museum Ulm
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Collection: Project for the reappraisal of the collections from colonial contexts

Inventory 1929.6584
number:

Description

A quadratic insert that is woven blackish-brown in white. The square is built by a broad band on which a braid-like ornament is sewed on with an ochre-coloured thread. The band is surrounded by a rhombic pattern. The field in the inside of the square shows a centre circle that is filled with eight little octagons. In the four circles in the corner, lions or basilisks are depicted. The circles enclose red vases with a green tie.

The Coptic textiles that are obtained in the Museum Ulm were acquired by the former Gewerbemuseum Ulm (Museum of Applied Arts) from the collection of Franz Bock (1823 - 1899) in the end of the 1880s. Dr. Franz Johann Joseph Bock was a cleric and art historian and travelled in 1885 and 1886 to Upper Egypt where he carried out excavations. In this manner, he set up a collection of Coptic textile fragments that come from graves. Particularly these are parts of blankets or tunics. The collected objects Franz Bock has sold gradually to different museums. Since Bock has cut his finds, normally only fragments from larger fabrics came into the different collections. Thereby it is likely that snippets from one and the same textile can be found dispersed on several collections.

Basic data

Material/Technique: Wool, linen; tapestry weaving

Measurements: H 19 cm, W 19 cm

Events

Created When 4.-6. century CE

Who

Where Egypt

Owned When 1885-1887

Who Franz Johann Joseph Bock (1823-1899)

Where

[Relationship When

to location]

Who

Where Upper Egypt

[Relationship

to location]

Who

When

Where Africa

[Relation to

person or institution]

When

Who Gewerbemuseum Ulm

Where

Keywords

- Excavation
- Koloniale Kontexte
- Kolonialzeit
- Koptische Textilien
- Textile