

ENT

FORM OF
RUBBING

sheets 幅

unmounted 6

mounted

scrolls 卷

albums 冊頁

books 冊

DIMENSIONS
OF RUBBINGapprox. max.
dimensions
(in cm.) of the
inked area

vertical

each face:
142.0

horizontal

8.0

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY—RUBBING COLLECTION

UNEDITED DRAFT

Provenience of object Kansu Province Chao chou 洮州 Tao	China 甘肅省	Date T'ang B.C. A.D. 749	Type Stone: pillar	Subject Memorial re: recapture of Shih-pao	Language(s) Chinese
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TITLE [Shou-fu Shih-pao cheng shih-chuang 收復石堡城石幢) (stone pillar inscription referring to the re-capture of the city of Shih-pao)

INSCRIPTION

Author statement

Description of content The present rubbing was taken from an octagonal pillar of red sandstone with an historical record in Chinese relating to the re-capture of the city of Shih-pao 石堡城, an ancient Chinese stronghold on the Tibetan border (four miles south of Tao-chou in southwestern Kansu Province), which had previously been taken by the Tibetans. During the eighth century the Tibetans were constantly at war with the Chinese. In A.D. 741 the Tibetans conquered the city, Shih-pao which the Chinese Governor-General failed to defend. In 748 General Ko-shu-han 哥舒翰 was appointed Governor-General of Lung-yu 隴右節度使. He attacked and recovered the city and captured the Tibetan minister of state. The pillar was dug up and discovered in 1906 on the farm of Chou Chao-nan in the Tao-chou old city (over)

Calligraphy

calligrapher

style

engraver

intaglio陰文—rilievo陽文

positive正文—negative反文

Cheng shu (Regular) 正書

text

other

Completeness

total columns

total complete cols.

total characters

missing parts

text other

CATALOGUE

DATA

cat. no.

121938/1

a-f
duplicates

121938/2

a-f

misc. nos.

Laufer

8482

other

674

acc. no.

1114

neg. no.

44483

collector

DESIGN

Artist

Engraver

Intaglio陰文—rilievo陽文

Completeness

Description

See object no. 121938, Field Museum,
Hall 24.

DATE OF OBJECT

Original

T'ang dynasty, T'ien-pao 8th year, 7th lunar month 唐天寶八年七月

Copies, additions, repairs

CHARACTERISTICS OF RUBBING

Date (edition)

Supplemental data (seals, manuscript notes, etc.)

Physical characteristics

paper

ink dark

technique

condition

PUBLISHED INFORMATION ON OBJECT OR RUBBING

Reproduction, transcription, commentary

STAGE IN
PROCESSINGcataloguing
complete

incomplete

repaired

misc.

STORAGE
LOCATION

Rm. 56

INSCRIPTION

Description of Content: who as the owner of the stone ceded it to Berthold Laufer on December 18, 1909.

Pillar inscriptions are very scarce in China; the usual form for an inscription is the stone tablet.

Unfortunately, the stone had suffered much from exposure, and the inscription is but partly preserved.

Additional information relevant to the original object from which the rubbing was taken

Present location

Comment