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STAGE IN
PROCESSINGcataloguing
complete

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VI. 1971
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LOCATIONRm. 66
6/71 H.T./
asFORM OF
RUBBING

sheets 幅

unmounted

mounted

scrolls 卷 1

albums 册 頁

books 册

DIMENSIONS
OF RUBBINGapprox. max.
dimensions
(in cm.) of the
inked areavertical
242.0

horizontal

175.0

Provenience of object China
Shensi Province 陝西省 Hsi-an 西安
Confucius Temple 孔廟

Date T'ang
B.C.
A.D. 842

Type Stone:
tablet

Subject Buddhism:
epitaph

Language(s)
Chinese

TITLE Hsüan pi t'a pei 元秘塔碑 (pagoda stone tablet inscription erected to Hsüan Pi)

INSCRIPTION

Author statement P'ei Hsiu 裴休撰

Description of content The inscription is composed of two parts. The first part, in prose, is a brief biography of Hsüan Pi whose lay family name was Chao. The text records that he was a famous Buddhist teacher and a favorite of the Emperors, Tê Tsung 德宗 and Shun Tsung 順宗 and Hsien Tsung 憲宗. He died in A.D. 836 (Kai-cheng first year 開成元年), and was given the posthumous name of Ta ta fa shih 大達法師.

The second part is a eulogy composed in four-character rhyme. The calligraphy in the stone tablet is one of the best examples of that time.

Calligraphy
calligrapher Liu Kung-ch'uan text 柳公權 正書 other
style Cheng shu (Regular)
engraver Shao Chien-ho 邵建和 and his brother 同鐫
intaglio 陰文—rilievo 陽文
positive 正文—negative 反文

Completeness
total columns
total complete cols.
total characters
missing parts

DESIGN Description Buddhist motif on border design

Artist

Engraver

Intaglio 陰文—rilievo 陽文

Completeness

DATE OF OBJECT

Original T'ang dynasty, Hui-ch'ang first year, 12th lunar month, 28th day (A.D. 842) 唐會昌元年

Copies, additions, repairs 十二月廿八日

CHARACTERISTICS OF RUBBING

Date (edition)

Supplemental data (seals, manuscript notes, etc.)

Physical characteristics

paper
ink dark
technique
condition good

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