

80) A Neo-Babylonian Receipt from the Reign of Kandalānu — The tablet presented here is a short receipt for livestock from the reign of Kandalānu (see FRAME, 1992, 296-306). While many of the tablets from Kandalānu's reign come from Babylon, Uruk, Borsippa, and Dilbat, the provenance of this tablet is not known. Its history is traceable to Philadelphia in 1946, by which time it was in the possession of the Howard family. It remained in the collection of the Howard family until the Spring of 2018, when Dr. David M. Howard, Jr. donated it to the Wheaton College Archaeology Museum along with the documentation of its chain of custody. The 'Howard tablet' is a pillow-shaped, horizontally oriented tablet, common to Neo-Babylonian receipts and contracts (JURSA, 2005, 4-5; BAKER, 2003, 244). The tablet has minor damage on the right edge and is slightly weathered on the obverse. At the same time, the text is mostly legible.

Measurements: 1.8x3.2x1.4cm ; Museum Number: H.0001 ; Date: Kandalanu 2+[x].

Obverse

1 40 UDU.*pu-ḫa-la*
 2 3 ME 12 UDU.Û.[TU.MEŠ]
 3 [2] ME UDU.BAR.MUNUS.[MEŠ]
 4 [5]0 UDU BAR.GAL.¹MEŠ¹
 5 4 ÛZ.MEŠ

Edge

6 2 MÁŠ.GAL.MEŠ
 7 1 ÛZ.¹SAL¹.[MÁḪ]

Reverse

8 1 MÁŠ.[TUR]
 9 PAP 6 ME 10 U8.[UDU.HI.A]
 10 *ina* IGI ^{md}AG.MU A ^{md}AG.[x x]
 11 ITI.SIG4 UD.23.KÁM MU 2+[x]
 12 [^{m?}]kan-da-la-[nu]

Edge

13 ¹LUGAL¹ TIN.TIR.¹KI¹

Obverse

40 *puḫalu*-rams
 312 ewes
 [200] female lambs
 [5]0 parru-lambs
 4 goats

Edge

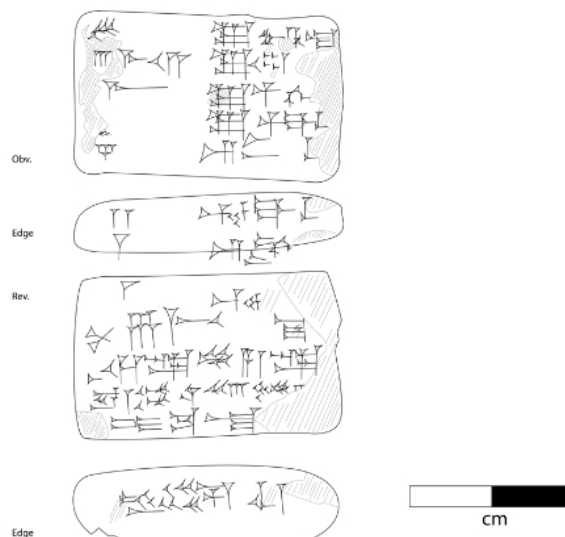
2 he-goats
 1 [barren] ¹she¹-goat

Reverse

1 young he-goat
 Total: 610 sheep
 Before Nabû-iddina son of Nabû-[x x]
 23rd day of Simānu, the 2+[x] year,
 of Kandalā[nu]

Edge

¹King¹ of Babylon



Lines 3-4 The Tabulation of 610 sheep (line 9) is accurate if two vertical wedges are restored at the beginning of line 3 and two additional *Winkelhaken* are restored at the beginning of line 4. Traces of three *Winkelhaken* are preserved on the tablet in line 4.

Line 11-12 The reading *kan-da-la-[nu]* seems certain. The first half of Kandalānu's reign is not as well documented as the second half (see FRAME, 268). The present tablet belongs to the first half of Kandalānu's reign, but the tablet is damaged at the right edge of the reverse, where traces of two vertical wedges are visible. Thus the date can only be narrowed to sometime after his second year.

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