



How did the artefacts end up in the Manchester Museum?

A lot of the material in the Egyptology collection comes from archaeologists working in Egypt in the last century. When they went to Egypt they dug material up. And the Egyptian government allowed the archaeologists to take a proportion of their finds away with them. So in this way the UK and Manchester in particular received a very rich collection of pieces from ancient Egypt and Sudan.

Here is one particularly striking and unusual piece. It appears quite colourful, quite crude. You could be forgiven perhaps for thinking this a modern forgery or fake that was bought in modern times. But many of these examples have been found by archaeologists recently working in Egypt in exactly this same style. So we know that this piece is genuinely ancient.