

# Bahka

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Figure 1. Bahka within her coffin at the Museum of World Treasures (Stokes, n.d.).

Country: Egypt

Site: Thebes

Time Period: New Kingdom

Dynasty: Unknown

Date: 1300 BCE

Sex: Female

Age: 50-60 years

Background:

The mummy is that of young adult female dated to the New Kingdom in Egypt, who is referred to as Bahka, Baka, and Bahkah by the Museum of National Treasures. In 1937, a Philadelphian doctor acquired the mummy from a tomb close to Thebes (King, 2012). She was then sold to Charles F. Gieringer before being purchased by Gieringer's nephew, Robert C. Ganter (King, 2012). In mid-2004, the mummy came into the possession of the Museum of World Treasures, where she now rests (Calovich, 2004). Calovich (2004) has suggested that at some point Bahka was the victim of tomb robbers, although the reasoning behind this claim was not given. The status of the individual has not been possible to determine. (Wade & Nelson, 2013).

Pathological Features:

Wade and Nelson (2013) give an estimated age-at-death of 40-66 for the individual. However, a more recent analysis of the pubic symphysis, proximal femur, proximal humerus, and cranial sutures by Dr. Andrew Nelson (2020) gives an age estimation of 50-60 years. Nelson

(2020) also notes that the mummy's teeth are in rather good condition for someone of her age and time. Calovich (2004) states that the individual suffered from a disease which is likely the cause of her death. Although, what the disease may have been nor the evidence which led to this conclusion is stated (Calovich, 2004). In terms of mummification, Wade and Nelson (2013) state that it has not been possible to determine whether evisceration was performed, and the individual was not excerebrated (Wade & Nelson, 2013).

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