

Egyptian Coffins and Sarcophagi in the San Diego Museum of Man: Some Technical Studies



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The San Diego museum of man has a collection of Saite and Ptolemaic coffins and mummies which were the subject of a technical study from 2007-2009. Pigments, binding media, grounds, wood and degradation products were characterized by x ray diffraction analyses, x ray fluorescence spectroscopy, polarized light microscopy, wood anatomy, gas chromatography mass spectrometry and Elisa, a synopsis of the results of the study will be presented with examples of specific coffins illustrated.