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## Statues of Rahotep and Nofret



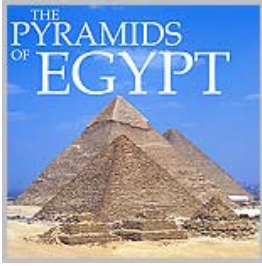
These life sized statues of Rahotep and his wife, Nofret were found in a mastaba tomb at Meydum. Due to the tomb's proximity to a 4th Dynasty pyramid, these statues have been dated to the 4th Dynasty (Old Kingdom, c. 2630 B.C.). This is a logical conclusion - nobles often sought to have their tomb located by the tomb of their pharaoh. The statues are especially life-like due to the inlaid rock-crystal eyes. The flesh tones are canonical, with the male having dark reddish colored flesh and the female a lighter beige color. The heaviness of Nofret's form, with its thick ankles and torso and hefty wig, is offset by the elegant crown and necklace she wears. The hieroglyphs give the names and titles of each of the statue owners.

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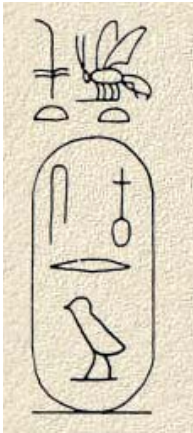
## Sneferu Endures The Stable Pyramid

# The Pyramid of Sneferu at Meidum

## The mastaba of Rahotep and Nofret

Height 92 m  
 Base 144 m  
 Volume 638,733 cu. m  
 Slope 51° 50' 35"  
 Dynasty 4  
 Satellite Pyramids (1)  
 Queens Pyramids (0)  
 Ruled 25 years

The mastaba Prince Rahotep and his wife Nofret, is north of the mastaba of Nefermaat. It is here that Mariette found the twin famous painted limestone statues now on display at the Cairo Museum. The mastaba has a palace face motif, with white washed surface. The statues are believed to be real portraits of Rahotep and Nofret and are strikingly realistic. Rahotep was a son of Sneferu, a high priest of Ra at Heliopolis, and chief of all construction projects for the king.



**Meidum north mastaba field**  
 Nefer-maat and Itet  
 Rahotep and Nofret

The mastaba of Prince Rahotep and his his wife Nofret. It is here that Mariette found the famous life-size painted limestone statues.

