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**CUNEIFORM TABLET COLLECTION**

2300 BC- 547 BC

6 pieces

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**CUNEIFORM TABLET COLLECTION**

**I**

The Cuneiform Tablet Collection was given to Winthrop in the 1960s.

Linear Ft. of shelf space: .25 ft  
Approximate number of pieces included: 6

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Scope and Content Note: **The Cuneiform Tablet Collection consists of six cuneiform tablets ranging from 2300-547 BC. Cuneiform is the oldest known form of writing and was commonly used in the Middle East between 3,200 BC and the second century AD. It was created by pressing a wedge-shaped instrument, usually a cut reed, into moist clay.**

II

DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1	RECEIPT TABLET “From Drehem (site in central Mesopotamia). A temple receipt for 2 fat sheep, 2 fat sheep, 2 goats, 2 lambs. Total of 8 written on an edge. “	2300 BC



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1	2	RECEIPT TABLET “Found at Drehem (Puzurish-Dagon) a site in central Mesopotamia. A record of the receipt of 1 sheep and two lambs at the temple. The total 3 sheep is written on one edge.”	2300 BC
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DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS (cont.)

<u>Box</u>	<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	3	CONICAL TABLET “From Warka, the Biblical Erech of Genesis 10:10. A votive cone with prayer for the King Sar-ga-shid. The cone was written by the priest, sold to the pilgrims who thrust it into the temple wall as an offering.”	2100 BC



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1	4	MESSENGER TABLET “Found at Jukha, the ancient Umma. A messenger tablet with a list of provisions supplied the Temple Messenger for the journey. The writing is the very finest on any of the tablets.”	2300 BC
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DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS (cont.)

<u>Box</u>	<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	5	LETTER TABLET “(first part of description is missing) ...Babylonian tablet which is apparently a letter. It is not dated, but is from about 800 BC.”	800 BC



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1	6	CONTRACT TABLET “Found at Warka (Erech). A contract tablet dated in the 8 <sup>th</sup> year of Nabonidus, the King of Babylon in 547 BC. Nabonidus was the father of Belshazzar, the last Semitic King of Babylon.”	547 BC
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