

These pictures of the Joseph Smith Egyptian Papyri and letter of sale given to the Church by the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art on November 27, 1967, are printed here by permission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Our calling them the Book of Abraham Papyri in some of our advertisements did not reflect the official Church identification which is the present title we use: The Joseph Smith Egyptian Papyri. We regret the error. Ed.

Palmyra city May 26 1840

I have certifies that we have sold
 to Mr W. C. C. from Egyptian
 Mummies with the records of them
 These Mummies were obtained from
 the catacombs of Egypt six feet
 below the surface of the Earth by
 the Antiquarian Society of Paris
 & forwarded to New York & purchased
 by the Missioner Prophet Joseph
 Smith at the price of twenty four
 hundred dollars in the year eighteen
 hundred thirty five they were highly
 prized by Mr Smith on account
 of the importance of the record
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 which was found enclosed ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{one}
 of the Mummies from translations
 by Mr Smith of the Records these Mumm-
 ies were found to be the family of
 Pharo King of Egypt they were
 kept exclusively by Mr Smith
 until his death & since by
 the Mother of Mr Smith notwithstanding
 sundry we have had repeated
 offers to purchase which have
 invariably been refused until her
 death which occurred on the
 fourth day of ~~May~~ ^{June} last this month
 of 1840

L. C. Bidamon

Hancock & Co 315 myrtle Emma Bidamon ^{wife of}
 Joseph Smith ^{son of} ~~son of~~ ^{Joseph} Smith

Nauvoo city May 26th/56

This certifies that we have sold
to; Mr A Combs four Egyptian
Mummies with the records of them
Thes Mummies were obtained from
the catacoms of Egypt sixty feet
below the surface of the Earth. by
the antiquarian society of Paris
& forwarded to New York & purchased
by the Mormon Prophet Joseph
Smith at the price of twenty four
hundred dollars in the year Eighteen
hundred thirty five they were highly
prized by Mr Smith on account

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offers to purchase which have
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death which occured on the
fourteenth day of ~~May last~~ this month

Nauvoo

L. C. Bidamon

Hancock

co Ills may 26 Emma Bidamon (former wife
of Jos. Smith)
Joseph Smith (Son of Jos
Smith)

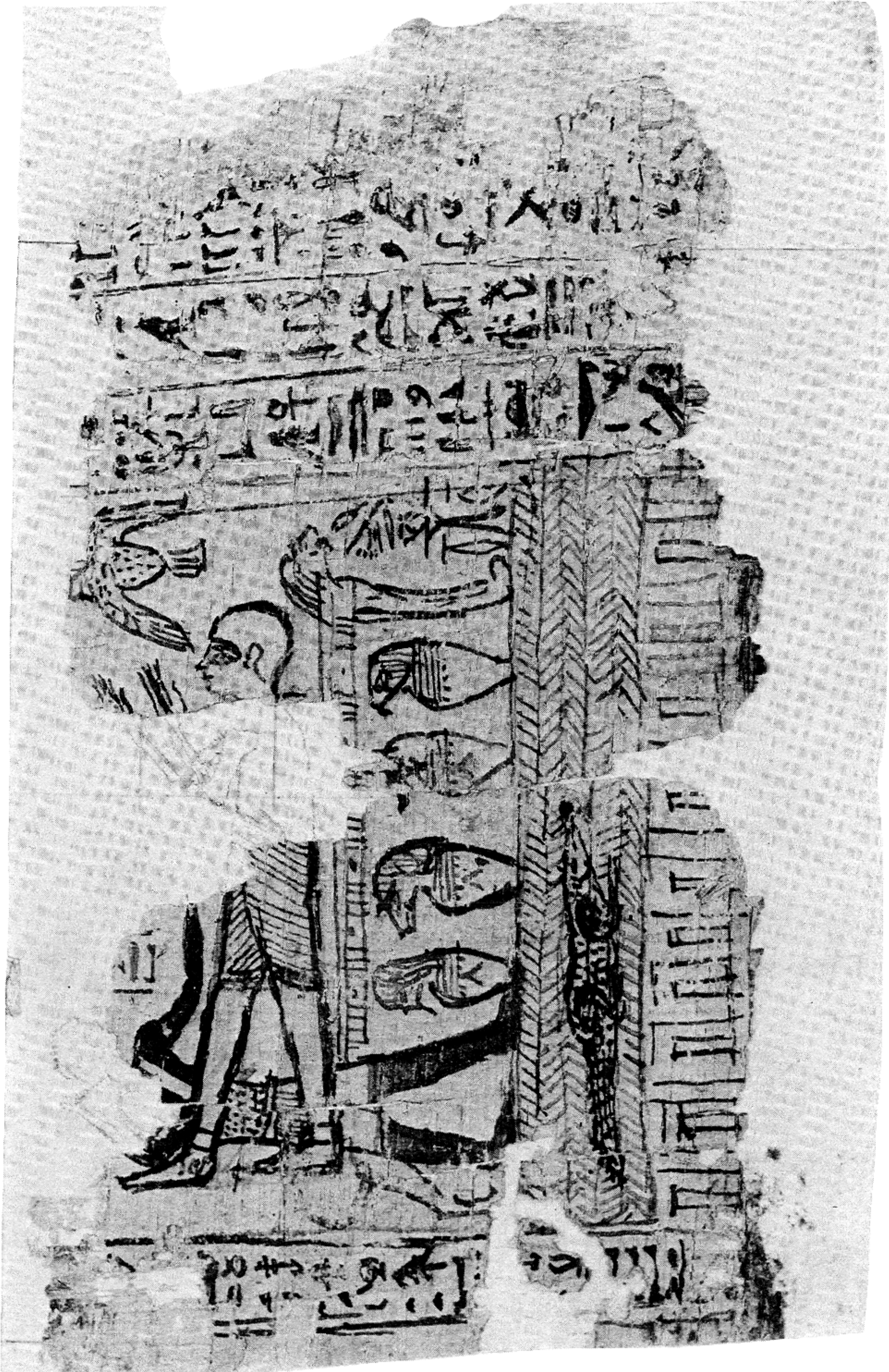
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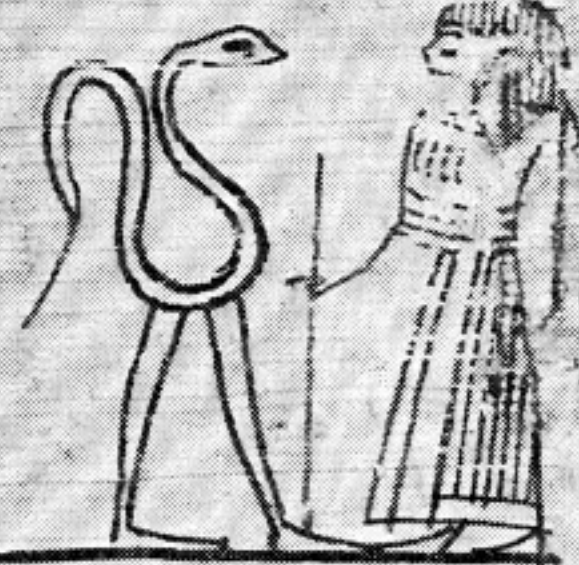


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Fragmentary cuneiform text on the left margin, consisting of approximately 25 lines of characters.

Fragmentary cuneiform text in the upper left section, consisting of approximately 6 lines.

Fragmentary cuneiform text in the upper right section, consisting of approximately 5 lines.



Fragmentary cuneiform text in the middle right section, consisting of approximately 5 lines.

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Fragmentary cuneiform text in the lower middle right section, consisting of approximately 5 lines.

Fragmentary cuneiform text in the lower middle section, consisting of approximately 3 lines.



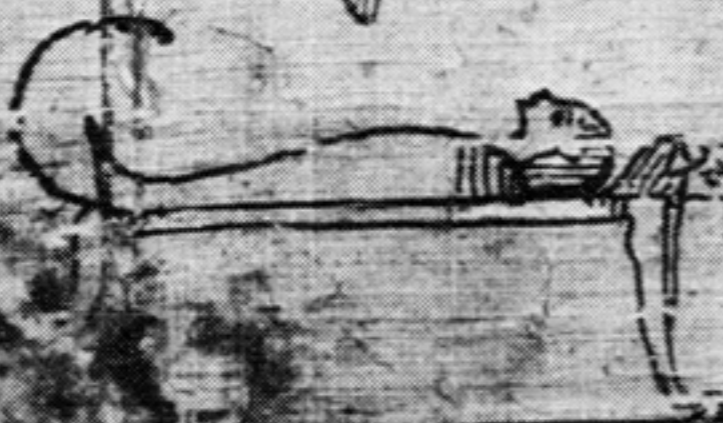
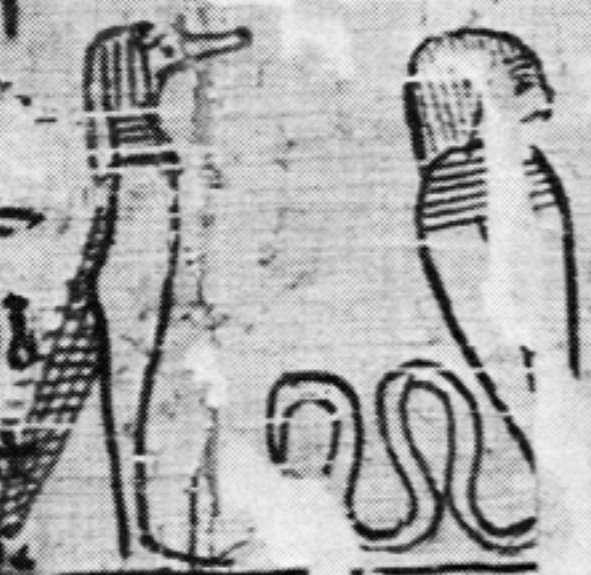
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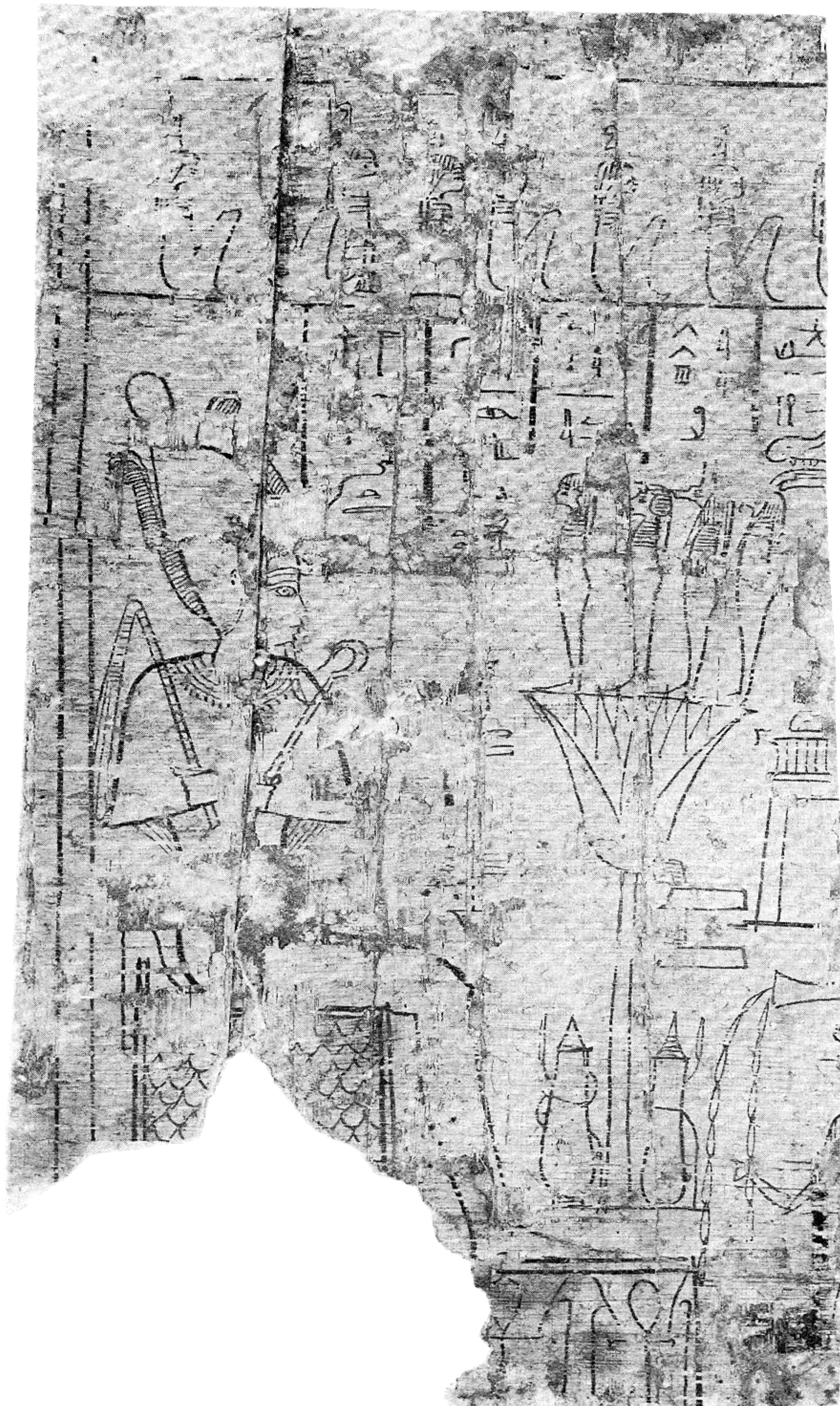
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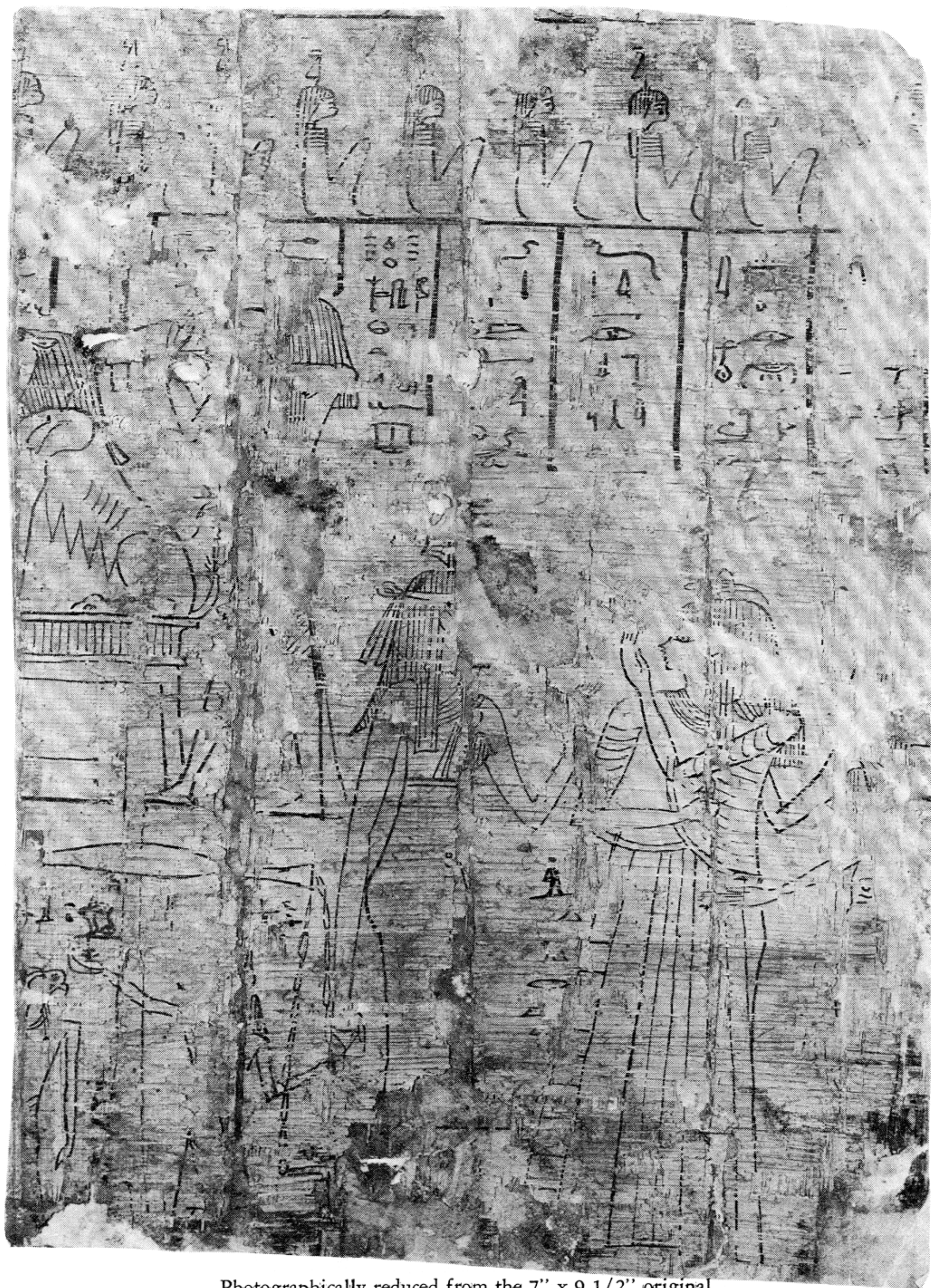
Fragment of an ancient papyrus scroll with columns of hieroglyphic text. The text is arranged in vertical columns, with some lines containing decorative elements or specific symbols. The papyrus is heavily damaged, with significant portions missing, particularly on the left side.



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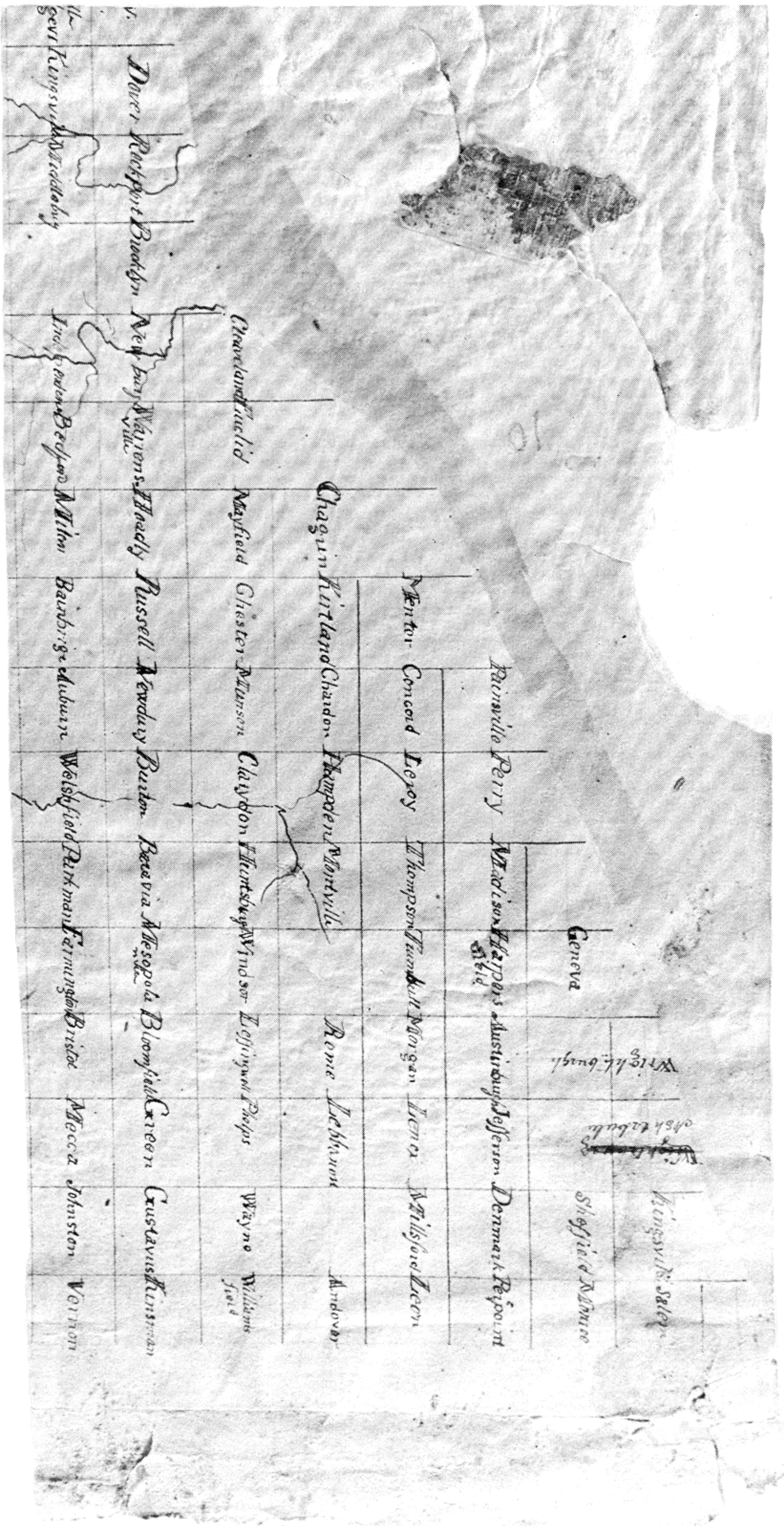
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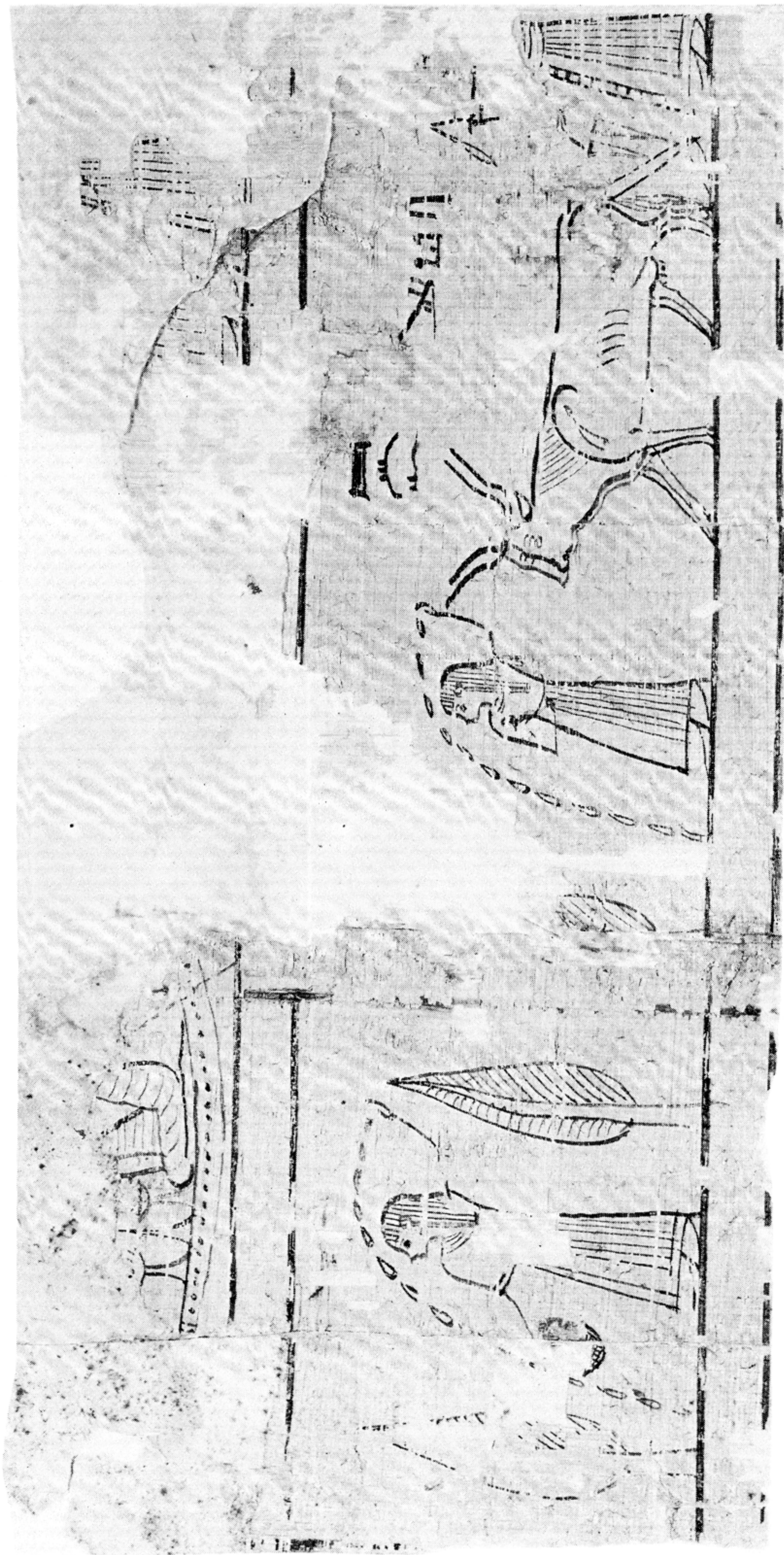
Fragment of an ancient manuscript containing several lines of text in a cuneiform script, likely Akkadian or Sumerian. The text is arranged in approximately 10 columns, with some lines appearing to be organized into a table or list. The script is highly stylized and densely packed. The fragment is heavily damaged, with significant portions missing and the remaining text obscured by dark ink or staining. The fragment is mounted on a light-colored, textured paper background.

Fragment of an ancient papyrus scroll with several columns of handwritten text in a cursive script, likely Demotic or Hieroglyphic. The text is heavily damaged and partially obscured by a large, irregular tear in the center. The visible fragments of text are arranged in approximately six columns, with the rightmost column being the most legible. The script consists of small, stylized characters and symbols.

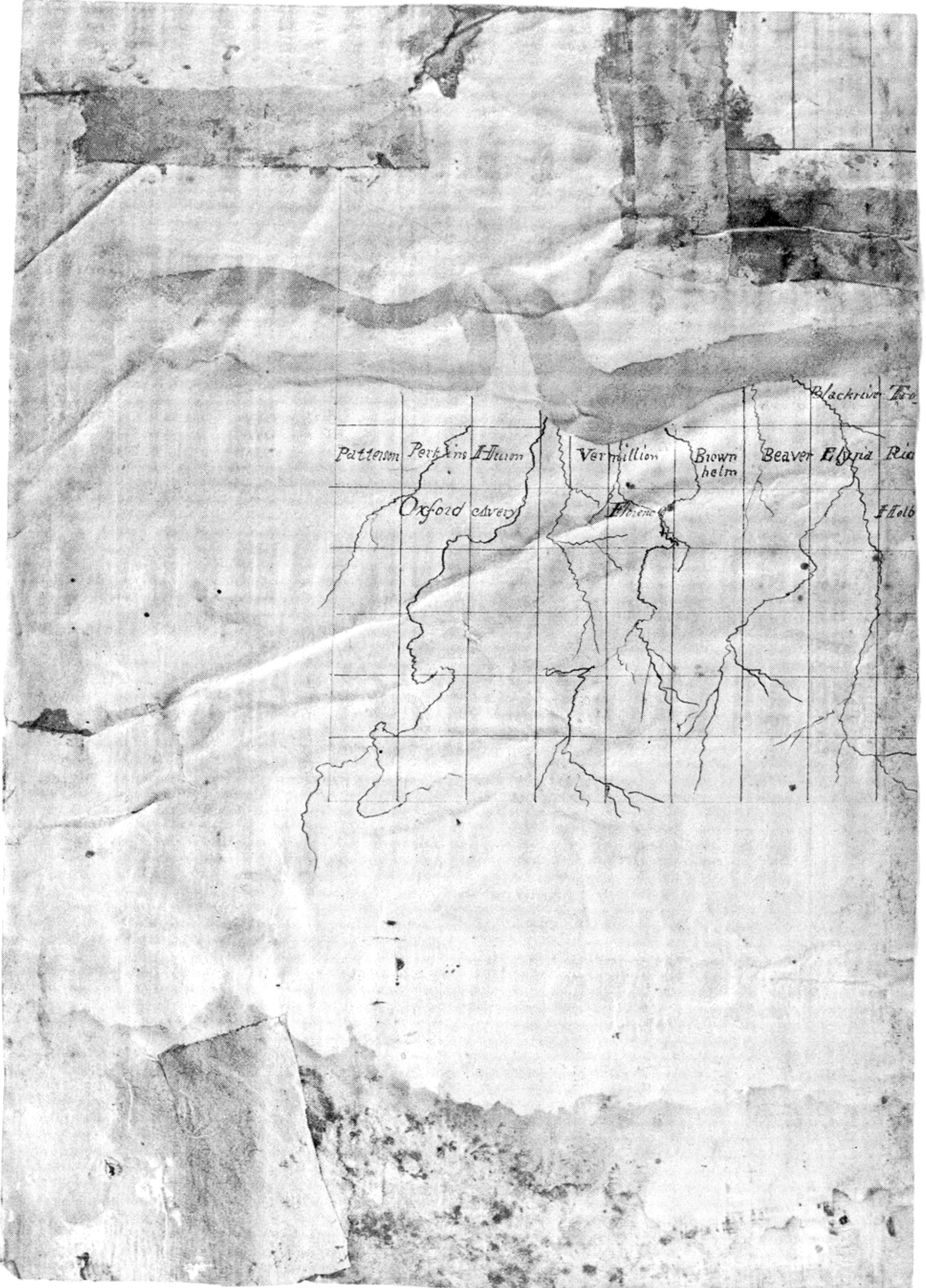
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Markings on the backing of the fragment opposite



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Markings on the backing of the fragment opposite



Photographically reduced from the 10" x 13" (frame O.D.) original



Photographically reduced from the 6" x 6" original