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Throughout six scientific and systematic excavations season the Egyptian mission working at ancient Philadelphia necropolis, was able to identify the zones of different phases of occupation in the necropolis from the 3rd century BC to the 4th cent CE. Among the main research question of the excavation project was the contextualization of the mummy portrait that were found during the nineteenth century at the site, well known as the mummy portraits from Er-Rubayyât or Philadelphia mummy portraits. The last two seasons revealed a unique and complete mummy portrait as well as other fragments of mummy portraits from some well excavated context and features, this portrait could enable us to understand the original context of mummy portrait in different museum from the same site and to answer many questions regarding the mummy portrait dating. - 1. Dating issues. - 2. Questions surrounding the contexts of the find sites of the mummy portraits. - 3. The context of the recently discovered mummy portraits from Philadelphia. - 4. Descriptions of the portrait finds. - Conclusion.

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