

## THE SO-CALLED GATEWAY OF TUTHMOSIS I AT KARNAK NORTH

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In the winter of 1984 in conjunction with on-going work on the reign and monuments of Amenhotep II, I had the opportunity to re-examine the gateway attributed to Tuthmosis I at Karnak North (Porter-Moss II, 2nd ed., p. 16, G.). It is not my intention here to provide full documentation of that re-examination, but only to call attention to certain of the results of that re-examination.

It is generally accepted that Tuthmosis I built and decorated this gateway to the west of the Montu enclosure wall, that it was partially usurped by Amenhotep II, and that Seti I decorated the west wall of the passage of the gateway. It is now clear that the gateway as it stands (which does incorporate un-inscribed worked blocks from some earlier structure) was built by Hatshepsut and Tuthmosis III (using the prenomen Menkheperkare). The cartouches of Hatshepsut were replaced by those of Amenhotep II. The scene on the west wall of the passage is original to the construction of the gateway -- the figure of Amun has been erased and restored -- with the name of Seti I only occurring in the restoration text.