DOCUMENTATION OF THE VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE OF SHUTB VILLAGE (ASYUT, EGYPT)

Mission III Report (March 2017)
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1 Introduction and Scope of Mission III

The main objective of Mission III is to continue conducting the architectural and condition assessment activities for the vernacular architectural heritage and the traditional urban fabric of Shutb Village in Asyut (Egypt). The mission supports the activities of the Department of Ancient Egypt and Sudan of the British Museum in the village in collaboration with the Egyptian Ministry of Antiquities (MoA).

Mission III carries on the proposed short-term actions that started and were documented in Mission II report (Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village, December 2016). These actions were initially included in the Mission I Report (Assessment of the Requirements for the Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village) issued in June 2016. More specifically, Mission III continues the process of documentation of the village’s built heritage elements. This documentation process started in Mission II and will carry over several missions to document the different built heritage elements identified in Mission I. The built heritage elements identified during Mission I included: 19 significant buildings, 14 traditional facade continuums, 25 houses with significant elements, 5 public open spaces, and 1 significant urban fabric cluster.

The team carried out the activities of Mission III from 25 March to 11 April 2017. The scope of Mission III included the following:

• Continuation of the architectural documentation of built heritage elements identified during the study season March 2016:
  o Hand drawings of architectural features
  o Initial measurements in preparation for future architectural drawings
  o Information on condition assessment
  o Description of relevant visual aspects of vernacular architecture
  o Preliminary photographic documentation
• Continue with the survey of the targeted parts of the village including; documentation of architectural features of buildings facades and residents’ usage of public spaces.
• Documentation of intangible heritage activities -that initially started in October 2016 Mission- to collect further information through informal discussions on lifestyle profile, oral history of the village, and history of the village’s main families.
• Investigate with the Asyut Governorate and Urban Harmony officials potentials and requirements of enlisting some of the village buildings as architecturally significant buildings.
• Preparation for the October 2017 Mission through engaging with the different stakeholders to investigate the feasibility of conducting; (a Vernacular Heritage Documentation Workshop and a Community Heritage Workshop).
Summary of Mission III Activities

During Mission III, the team was able to document 5 significant buildings, 7 significant facade continuum, the use patterns and activities in 2 open spaces, and the significant elements in 15 houses. In addition, the team carried out several meetings with various stakeholders including Asyust Governor and the Mayor (Oumda) of Shutb to update them with the previous mission activities, coordinate the work of Mission III, and ensure their involvement in the local community meetings.

The team also interviewed an old mason (the remaining -alive- local mason in Shutb) and the village borker (Dallal) besides visiting a mud brick making site, and conducting site visits to several nearby villages.

2.1 Architectural Documentation

The team continued on carrying out the documentation activities and surveyed the targeted significant buildings to: i) produce measured drawings; ii) conduct photographic documentation; iii) assess the buildings’ physical conditions; and iv) develop a preliminary understanding of local architectural features.

To this effect, the team was divided into two sub-teams. The first team was responsible for the documentation and measurement of the targeted significant buildings to produce measured drawings for buildings facades. This was carried through sketches and hand drawings, and the use of hand measurements and leaser meters.

A second team was responsible for the photographic documentation of these buildings and elements. This team worked also on documenting the lifestyle of the residents by conducting discussions with family members besides observing and studying the use patterns of the public spaces throughout the day.
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Outcomes of the Architectural Documentation Activities – Mission III

The team was able to fully document 5 significant buildings, 7 significant facade continuum, 15 houses with significant elements, and 2 open spaces. The following is a map illustrating the locations of the documented buildings done earlier in Mission II besides the documented built heritage elements during Mission III. In addition, this section includes studies performed on the documented buildings facades.
Building code 16

Location

Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
Dayir al-Nahya Street
Building location
Exterior Appearance

Main Building Facade

Scale 1:100
الواجهة الجانبية للبيت
Side Building Facade

Scale 1:100
Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village

Building code 126

Location

Street branched from Dayir al Nahya

Dayir al-Nahya Street

Building location
Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village

**Building code** 160

**Location**

- Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
- Dayir al-Nahya Street
- Building location
Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village

Main Building Facade

Scale: 1:100
Building code 227

Location

Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
Dayir al-Nahya Street
Building location

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Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village

Main Building Facade

Scale 1:100
الواجهة الجانبية للبيت
Side Building Facade

Scale 1:100
Building code 228(A-B) Significant Buildings

Location

Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
Dayir al-Nahya Street
Building location
Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village

Main Building Facade

Scale 1:100
الواجهة الجانبية للبيت
Side Building Facade

Scale 1:100
Building code 26(A-B-C-D)

Significant Façade Continuum

Location

- Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
- Dayir al-Nahya Street
- Building location

Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village
Main Building Facade

Scale 1:100
Buildings Division

Solid and Void Study

Architectural Prominence Study
Building code **69(A-B-C-D)**

**Location**

- Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
- Dayir al-Nahya Street
- Building location

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Main Building Facade

Scale 1:100
Building code 147 (A-B-C)

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Street branched from Dayir al Nahya

Dayir al-Nahya Street

Building location
Building code 155(A-B-C) Significant Façade Continuum

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Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
Dayir al-Nahya Street
Building location
Main Building Facade

Scale 1:100
Building code 218(A-B-C) Significant Façade Continuum

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Street branched from Dayir al Nahya

Dayir al-Nahya Street

Building location
Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village

Main Building Facade

Scale 1:100
Buildings Division

Solid and Void Study

Architectural Prominence Study
Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village

Building code **226(A-B-C-D)**

Significant Façade Continuum

Street branched from Dayir al Nahya

Dayir al-Nahya Street

Building location
Building code

Significant Element

- Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
- Dayir al-Nahya Street
- Building location

Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village
Main Building Facade

Scale 1:100
الواجهة الجانبية للبيت
Side Building Facade

Scale 1:100
Building code 23

Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village

Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
Dayir al-Nahya Street
Building location
Building code 41 

Significant Element

Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village

Street branched from Dayir al Nahya

Dayir al-Nahya Street

Building location
Main Building Facade

Scale 1:100
Building code 44

Significant Element

Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
Dayir al-Nahya Street
Building location
Main Building Facade

Scale 1:100
Building code 51

Significant Element

Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
Dayir al-Nahya Street
Building location
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Main Building Facade

Scale 1:100
Building code 60

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Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
Dayir al-Nahya Street
Building location
Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village

Main Building Facade

Scale 1:100
Side Building Facade

Scale 1:100
Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village

Building code 128 Significant Element

Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
Dayir al-Nahya Street
Building location
Main Building Facade
Building code 164 Significant Element

Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
Dayir al-Nahya Street
Building location
Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village

Main Building Facade

Scale: 1:100
Building code 218

Significant Element

Building location

Street branched from Dayir al Nahya

Dayir al-Nahya Street

Building location

Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village
Main Building Facade

Scale 1:100
Building code 220

Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village

Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
Dayir al-Nahya Street
Building location
Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village
Documentation of the Vernacular Architecture of Shutb Village

Building code 222 Significant Element

Building location
Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
Dayir al-Nahya Street
Building location
Main Building Facade

Scale 1:100
Building code 225

Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
Dayir al-Nahya Street
Building location
Main Building Facade

Scale 1:100
Side Building Facade

Scale 1:100
Building code 229

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Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
Dayir al-Nahya Street
Building location
Open Space code OS1

Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
Dayir al-Nahya Street
Open Space
Regular Day Plan
Night Plan
Open Space code **OS2**

- Street branched from Dayir al Nahya
- Dayir al-Nahya Street
- Open Space