

Door to afterlife found in Egypt

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A carved stone door which ancient Egyptians believed was the threshold to the afterlife has been discovered in Luxor, Egypt's culture minister said.

The door belongs to the tomb of User, a powerful adviser to the 18th dynasty Queen Hatshepsut, Faruk Hosni said in a statement.

Hatshepsut, who ruled Egypt between 1479 BC and 1458 BC, was the longest reigning female pharaoh.

The large red granite door is 1.75 metres high and 50 centimetres thick.

It is said to be engraved with religious texts and various titles used by User, including mayor of the city, vizier and prince.

Mansur Boraik, who headed the excavation mission, says the door "was reused during the Roman period".

"It was removed from the tomb of User and used in the wall of a Roman structure," he said.

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