

	Object:	Front tile with a portrait and dolphins
	Museum:	Museum August Kestner Trammplatz 3 30159 Hannover (0511) 168-42730 museen- kulturgeschichte@hannover- stadt.de
	Collection:	Ancient Cultures, Architectural terracottas
	Inventory number:	1439

Description

Front tiles protected the exposed beam ends of the roof structure against the weather. They were not only functionally important elements, but could also be lavishly decorated. Popular decorative elements were palmettes, which are derived from the symmetrically arranged palm branches. This front tile shows a five-leaf palmette with straight central leaves and inwardly curved side leaves at the top. A female head can be seen in the center. In the spandrels of the palmette two facing dolphins, including two antithetical snakes. (AVS)

Basic data

Material/Technique: Clay
Measurements:

Events

Created	When	1-50 CE
	Who	
	Where	Lazio
Collected	When	
	Who	August Kestner (1777-1853)
	Where	Rome

Keywords

- Campana reliefs
- Dachstuhl
- Dolphin
- Head
- Snake

Literature

- Siebert, Anne Viola (2011): Geschichte(n) in Ton. Römische Architekturterrakotten. Regensburg, Nr. 103