

Edwin Smith

Edwin Smith (1822 – April 27, 1906) was an American dealer and collector of antiquities who gave his name to an Ancient Egyptian medical papyrus, the [Edwin Smith Papyrus](#).

Biography

[Edwin Smith](#) was born in [Bridgeport, Connecticut](#), and lived in [Egypt](#) during the latter half of the 19th century. In [1862](#) he came temporarily into possession of a medical papyrus which was sold by its Egyptian owner to [Georg Ebers](#) in 1873 and published by Ebers in 1875. It was thus best known as the Ebers Papyrus.

In 1862 he also purchased the papyrus which came to bear his name, from a dealer called Mustapha Aga at Luxor.

Smith's knowledge of hieratic was not sufficient to enable him to translate the papyrus, a task which was undertaken by James Henry Breasted, aided by Arno B. Luckhardt, a professor of physiology, and led to the publication of the translation in 1930.

Edwin Smith died in 1906.

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