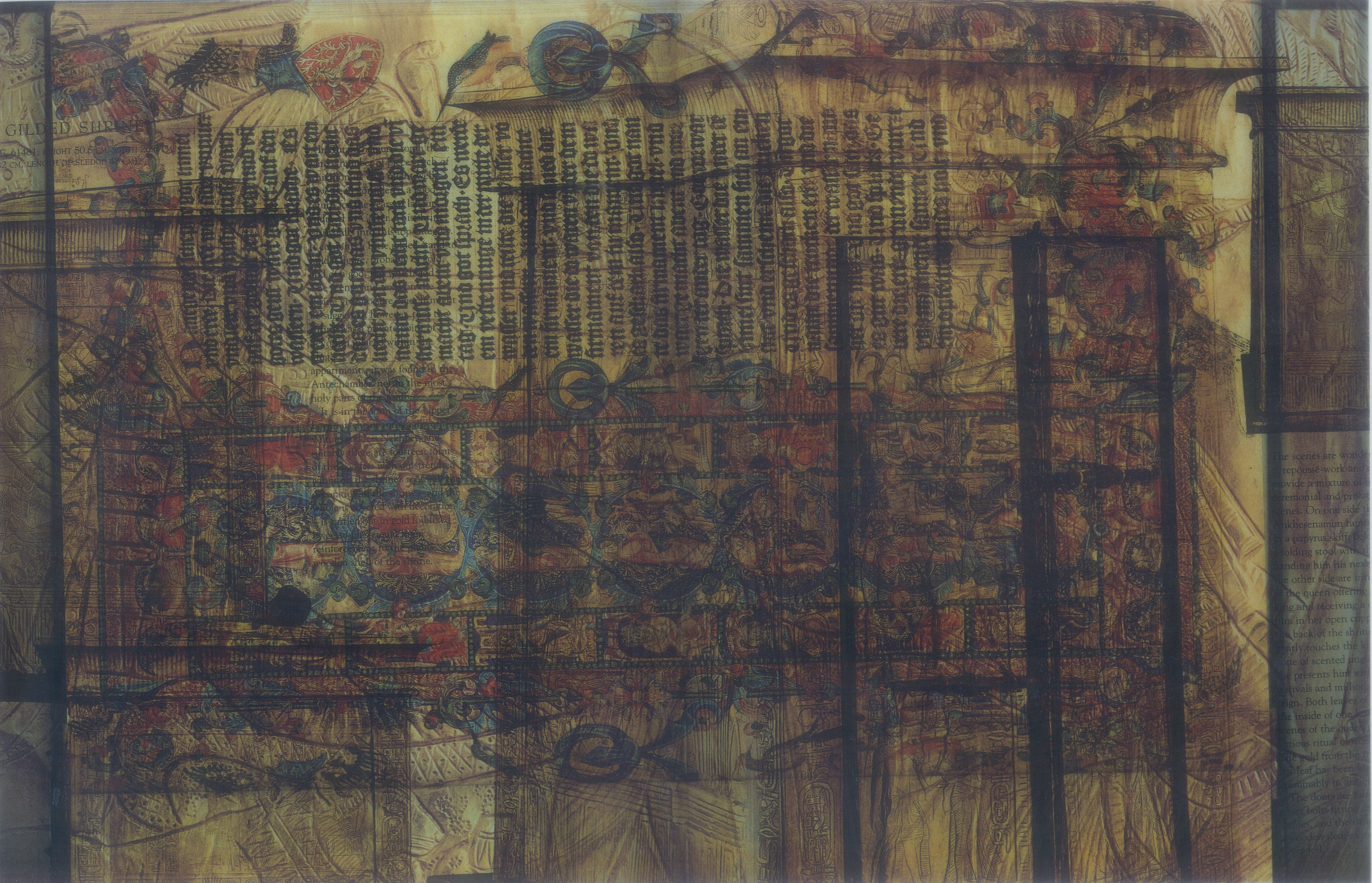


GILDED SHRINE

NO. 61481; HEIGHT 50.5 CM, WIDTH 26.5 CM, LENGTH OF SLEDGE 46 CM.



appartments, it was found in the Antechamber, near the most holy parts of the shrine. It is in the form of the upper part of a papyrus staff, and is divided into three parts, namely, the upper part, the middle, and the lower. In the upper part there are fourteen forms of the goddess with outstretched wings, and the middle part is decorated with gold leaf and is carried out in gold foil fixed to the shrine with iron reinforcements to the wooden shell of the shrine.

The scenes are worked in repoussé-work and provide a mixture of ceremonial and private scenes. On one side the Ankhesenamun hunts on a papyrus skiff, behind a folding stool with her hand on the back of the shrine. On the other side are intricate scenes of the queen offering to Amun and receiving a gift. The back of the shrine is decorated with a scene of scented unguent. The shrine is decorated with festivals and military triumphs. Both leaves of the shrine are decorated with scenes of the queen offering ritual objects. The gold from the shrine leaf has been lost, presumably in antiquity. The doors are decorated with iron bolts fitting into wooden sockets, and the shrine is carried on a wooden sledge with iron runners.