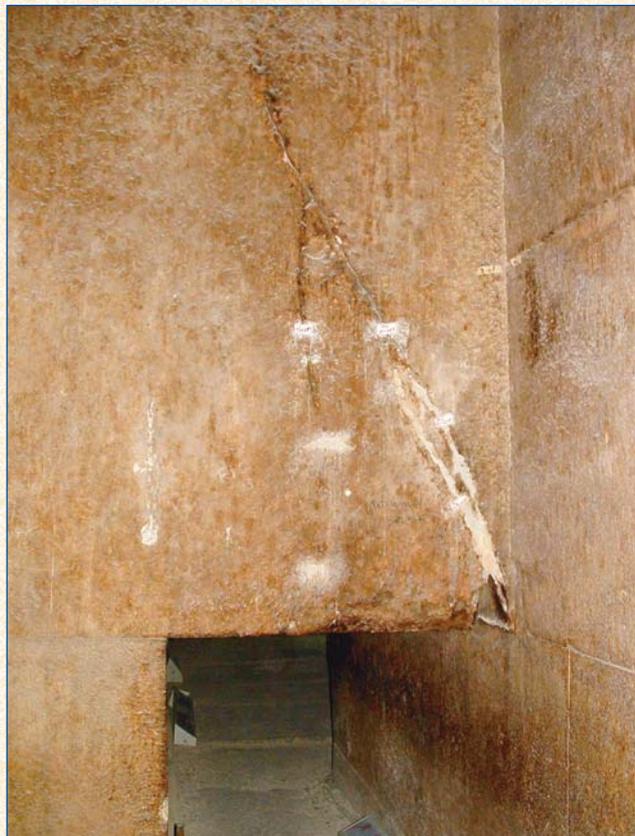


# CASE HISTORY

## NORTH OR RED PYRAMID AT DAHSHAR, CAIRO, EGYPT



When Sneferu, king of Manetho's 4th dynasty, came to the throne in 2575BC, Djoser's pyramid at Saqqara was the only large royal pyramid that stood complete. Sneferu would become the greatest pyramid builder in Egyptian history by constructing the three colossal pyramids (at Meidum and the Bent and the North, or Red pyramids, at Dahshur). Together with his son and grandson, who built the two great pyramids at Giza, he was responsible for the constructing the largest volume of stone pyramids in the world. After thirty years of his reign Sneferu abandoned the Bent pyramid as his burial place, instead he began work on the North or Red pyramid which was built to a much gentler slope of  $43^{\circ} 22'$ .



*Front elevation of cracked beam*

