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Some links between Otto Neugebauer's work and the history of ancient sciences as made before him in Germany.

Abstract: Otto Neugebauer (1899-1990) entered the field of history of mathematics in 1926 with his doctoral dissertation, which focuses on the use of fractions in Old Egypt. For the next decades, he will be known as one of the greatest specialist of the sciences in Antiquity, bringing new methods and theses. This presentation looks back at his influences. It is usual to recall his prestigious mathematical entourage at Göttingen, but the focus here will rather be on his references, in his first writings, to previous German historians of sciences, especially Hermann Hankel (1839-1873).

