	Undertakers (nekrotaphoi) of Hawara I ArchID 145. Version I (2013) Willy Clarysse
Place Date Language Material Number of texts Type Collections Find/Acquisition	Arsinoites (Fayum), meris of Herakleides, Haueris 365-175 BC Demotic and Greek Papyrus 28 Family archive (6 generations) Cairo, Egyptian Museum; Chicago, Haskell Oriental Institute; Copenhagen, Carlsberg Papyrus Collection; Copenhagen, Institute for Greek and Latin; Hamburg, Bibliothek; Newton, Private collection Rendell Found in Hawara by sebbakh diggers in March 1911
Bibliography	E. LÜDDECKENS, <i>LÄ</i> VI, 1986, col. 882-883 (IX. G).
	M. DEPAUW, A Companion to Demotic Studies (Pap. Brux. 28), Bruxelles, 1997, p. 158 (G).
	I. UYTTERHOEVEN, <i>Hawara in the Graeco-Roman Period. Life and Death in a Fayum Village (OLA</i> 174), Leuven e.a., 2009, p. 331-340, with family stemmata p. 837-843.
	S. PASEK, Hawara. Eine ägyptische Siedlung in hellenistischer Zeit, Berlin, 2007.
Description	The family archives of the Hawara undertakers (called 'god's sealers and embalmers' in Demotic, <i>taricheutai</i> but also <i>stolistai</i> in Greek) were found by sebbakh diggers in March 1911 in the area west of the pyramid. This was indicated by G. Lefevre on a slip of paper, which was put in the tin box in which the papyri were originally kept (<i>P. Cairo</i> III, p. 82). The texts in Chicago, London and Copenhagen were bought from M. Nahman. Their excellent state of preservation makes it likely that they were kept in one or two jars, no doubt in a tomb belonging to the mortuary priests. Through the antiquities commerce the papyri were spread over at least ten collections.
	The documents are mainly title deeds, proving ownership of tombs and houses, over a period of more than 300 years (365-30 BC). They fall apart in an older and a younger group (<i>Nekrotaphoi</i> of Hawara 1 and 2, respectively). Since the groups are separated by a time gap of 35 years, belong to different families and took different ways in the antiquities commerce, we have treated them as separate archives, though they were probably found more or less on the same occasion and may even, at some point, have been in the hands of a single person or family.
	The present archive contains the older texts, which belonged to a single family and cover a period of nearly two centuries (365-175 BC). Central figure of the archive is the woman Haynchis I, who married Petosiris III alias Pasis in 259 BC (<i>P. Hawara OI</i> 6). Four earlier documents entered the archive through Petosiris III: three marriage contracts of his mother, grandmother and great-grandmother (<i>P. Hawara OI</i> 1-3) and a donation of houses and tombs by his father (<i>P. Hawara OI</i> 4). By her marriage contract Haynchis obtains rights to two thirds of a house in Hawara, and between 239 and 233 BC she acquires in different stages the other third from Achomneuis V, a cousin of her father-in-law, who was apparently unable to repay to her a loan upon mortgage (<i>P. Hawara OI</i> 9; <i>SB</i> XVI 12342-12344; <i>P. Hawara</i> 1 and 3; <i>P. Hawara OI</i> 7A-C). After 232 BC the archive is continued by her son

Achomneuis IV junior, who also takes over his elder brother's share (*P. Hawara OI* p. 63-65 App.; *P. Hawara OI* 10; *P. Hawara* 4) and by his son Marres V (183 BC).

In a few cases the links between documents of different generations also appear from the archeological context (*P. Hawara OI* 4 of 292 BC was rolled insided *P. Hawara OI* 9 of 239 BC; *P. Hawara OI* 7C was sealed and then rolled inside *P. Hawara OI* 7A and B) and from a notice by Achomneuis V on a document written for his grandfather Petosiris alias Pasis (*P. Hawara OI* 4).

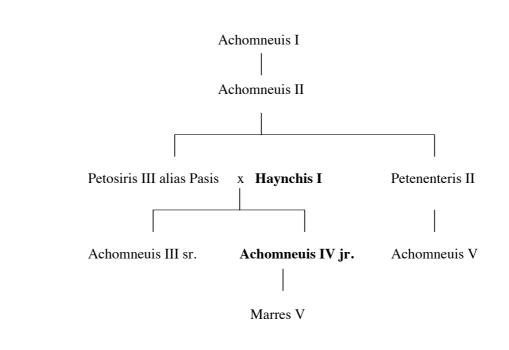
Most documents are title deeds in the form of marriage and annuity contracts between husband and wife, sales and cessions, mortgages, donations of real estate and tombs, with the accompanying Greek tax receipts written under them or on separate sheets. There is one receipt for the repayment of a loan (*P. Hawara OI* 10) and one temple oath resolving a conflict about a mummy (*P. Hawara* 4).

 Archive texts
 Enchoria 25 (1999), p. 135 + P. Cairo III 50130; P. Cairo III 50134 b descr.; P. Hawara 1-7; P. Hawara OI 1-10 and p. 63-65 App.; SB XVI 12342-12344; SB XVIII 13314.

Text types Marriage and annuity contracts sales and cessions, mortgages, donations of real estate and tombs, with the accompanying Greek tax receipts; receipt for repayment of loan; temple oath = incoming documents.

Appendix | Stemma of the family

The following stemma is only a help for understanding the family relationships indicated in the text above. For a full stemma of this complicated family, see UYTTERHOEVEN 2009, p. 838-843.



Undertakers (nekrotaphoi) of Hawara I