Pauetis, district scribe (topogrammateus)

Place
Date
Language
Material
Number of texts
Type
Collections
Find/Acquisition

Arsinoites (Fayum), meris of Polemon 205-202 BC

Demotic, 2 contracts with Greek summary or registration

Papyrus

Official archive

Cairo, Egyptian Museum Acquired before 1910

Bibliography

E. SEIDL, *Ptolemäische Rechtsgeschichte*, Glückstadt, 1962², p. 45 no. 28 (Das Archiv des Toparchen von Krokodilopolis).

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The numbers in **bold** refer to *P. Bürgsch*.

Description

The provenance of the texts is based on their contents and nothing is known about how they came to the Cairo Museum (the inventory numbers do not follow). They are linked by time, place (meris of Polemon) and type of contracts. Plots of royal land are leased out to farmers by several officials and will be cultivated with green fodder; because the farmers provide sureties for payment, the texts have been included in Sethe's *P. Bürgsch*. (the preparation of which started in 1910) with exhaustive philological and legal commentary. One text (7, perhaps also 8) is a surety for a prisoner, but it is linked with the others through the addressee Pauetis.

The archive was no doubt kept by one of the officials involved, but it is hardly possible to make out who. In 205-203 BC the contracts are addressed to the financial officer or *oikonomos* Zephyros, succeeded by Artemidoros (*Pros. Ptol.* I 1025), and the royal scribe Imouthes (*Pros. Ptol.* I 450); the district scribe or *topogrammateus* Pauetis (*Pros. Ptol.* I and VIII 558 = VIII 875a) is found in 204/203 and in 202 BC. As he is attested later than Zephyros and Imouthes, the archive is hesitantly called after him.

Archive texts

P. Bürgsch. 1-8.

Text types

Contracts: leases of land with sureties (5), and surety-contracts (3); cf. App. = incoming documents.

¹ For Zephyros, see *P. Heid.* VII, 1996, p. 6-7 (introduction to no. 387).

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Appendix

The documents of the archive in chronological order

P. Bürgsch.	Cairo inv.	Date BC	Officials	Place	Туре
1	30647	205/204	Zephyros, <i>oikonomos</i> ; Imouthes, royal scribe	Dikaiou Nesos	Lease of land with bail
2	30660	204/203	Zephyros, oikonomos; Imouthes royal scribe	Dikaiou Nesos	Lease of land [
6	30753	204/203	Pauetis shn ('official')	Meris of Polemon	Bail for lease of royal land
3	20697 + 30780	203, March/April	Zephyros, <i>oikonomos</i> ; Imouthes, royal scribe	Dikaiou Nesos	Lease of land with bail
4	30689 + 30701 + 30782	203, Dec.	Artemidoros, oikonomos; Imouthes, royal scribe	P-iri- Anoubis?	Lease of land with bail
7	30659 + 31191	202, March/April	Pauetis shn ('official') of the topos	Lysimachis	Bail for prisoners
5	30781	205-202	[] royal scribe	[]	Lease of land with bail
8	30698	[202, March/April]	[]	[]	Bail for prisoners