

<p>Place Date Language Material Number of texts Type Collections Find/Acquisition</p>	<p><b>Phanesis, oil seller</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">ArchID 188. Version 2 (2013) Willy Clarysse</p> <p>Arsinoites (Fayum), meris of Polemon, Tebtynis 233-223 BC Demotic, 2 bilingual Demotic-Greek Papyrus 15 certain, 2 uncertain <b>Professional archive</b> Cairo, Egyptian Museum Found during the excavations of Grenfell and Hunt in 1899/1900 in Umm el-Baragat (Tebtynis)</p>
<p><b>Bibliography</b></p> <p><b>Description</b></p> <p><b>Archive texts</b></p>	<p>E. SEIDL, <i>Ptolemäische Rechtsgeschichte</i>, Glückstadt, 1962<sup>2</sup>, p. 43-44 no. 23 (Die Korrespondenz des Ölhändlers Phanesis).</p> <p>B. MUHS / A. GRÜNEWALD / G. VAN DEN BERG-ONSTWEDDER, 'The Papyri of Phanesis son of Nechturis, Oil-Merchant of Tebtunis, and the Ptolemaic Cloth Monopoly', <i>Enchoria</i> 28 (2002-2003), p. 62-81.</p> <p>The numbers in <b>bold</b> refer to <i>P. Cairo</i> II.</p> <p>The archive of the oil seller Phanesis, son of Nechthyris, was found by Grenfell and Hunt in Umm el-Baragat during their excavations in the winter of 1899-1900. It consists of 17 texts, of which 15 are certain because they mention title, name and/or patronymic, and covers a ten year period in the reign of Ptolemy III (233 to 223 BC). The two uncertain texts may be fragments from a single contract (<b>30621</b> and <b>50021</b>).</p> <p>Most texts are incoming documents directed to Phanesis, son of Nechthyris, who was an oil seller in Tebtynis and in the unidentified village <i>T3-gsm</i> ('Canal land') (<i>Enchoria</i> 28 (2002-2003), no. 3 and 5). He is addressed as 'oil seller' in five receipts for <i>inw</i>-cloth, published in <i>Enchoria</i> 28 (2002-2003), no. 1-5, but also in three receipts for oil; one is addressed to Phanesis himself (<b>31225</b>), in the two others he is mentioned as a third person (<b>31219</b> and the fragmentary <b>31227</b>). When he appears as a party in contracts, however, he is called 'man of the treasury (<i>rmt pr-ḥd</i>) and servant of Souchos' (<b>30604</b>, <b>30694</b>, <b>30621</b> and <b>50021</b>, <b>50019</b>). With Muhs e.a. we accept the identity of the oil seller and the 'man of the treasury' because of the find circumstances, the dates and the presence of the patronymic.</p> <p>Outgoing letters are <b>31213</b> (dealing with oil) and perhaps <b>31215</b> (though this may in fact be directed to Phanesis). Phanesis is mentioned as a third person in <b>31212</b>, an oracle question that was probably put for him (alongside other persons) to Soknebtynis and informs us about the good health of his wife and his children (cf. <i>P. Carlsberg</i> III, 2000, p. 13), and in the receipts of his colleagues oil sellers mentioned above. In most cases the presence of his patronymic guarantees the identification.</p> <p>Though it is in the first place a professional archive, listed among Seidl's 'Buchführungs-archive', it also contains title deeds, an oracle question and even a three-year nursing contract for Phanesis' son Petesouchos.</p> <p><i>P. Cairo</i> II 30694, 31213, 31215, 31219, 31225, 31227 (Greek: <i>SB</i> I 4477), 31231, 50019;</p>

*Enchoria* 28 (2002-2003), p. 71-77, no. 1-5 (= 31246, 31247, 31248, 31161, 31216); *EVO* 2 (1979), p. 57-60 (= 31212); *Fs. Lüdeckens* p. 235-239 (= 30604); *uncertain*: 30621, 50021.

**Text types** Receipts (8), contracts-title deeds (5), oracle question (1), nursing contract (1), letters (2) = incoming documents and outgoing letters.

**Appendix** **Stemma of the family**

Nechthyris x Taubastis / Tabis

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**Phanesis** x NN

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Petesouchos