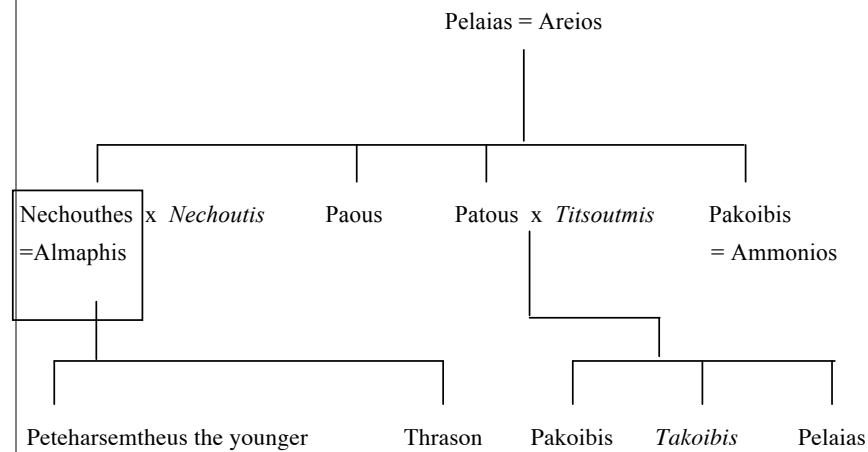


	<b>Archive of Nechouthes alias Almaphis, son of Pelaias</b>
Place	Pathyris
Date	132 – 93 B.C.
Language	Demotic
Material	Papyri
Number texts	2 certain, 1 uncertain
Type	Family archive (one generation)
Collections	Cairo, Egyptian Museum; Chicago; London, British Museum; [uncertain text in London, British Library]
Find/Acquisition	Partly found during the excavations of 1891 and partly acquired on the antiquities market in 1895
<b>Bibliography</b>	<p>This description has been printed in K. Vandorpe and S. Waebens, <i>Reconstructing Pathyris' Archives. A Multicultural Community in Hellenistic Egypt</i> (Collectanea Hellenistica 3), Brussels 2009, p. 142-143 §41.</p> <p>A study of the archive has not yet been made.</p>
<b>Description</b>	<p>This very small archive consists of two papyri. One text was unearthed during the excavations of 1891 and was brought to the Cairo Museum, the other one turned up on the antiquities market as a result of illicit trade and was sold to the British Museum (later: Library) in 1895. The belonging of P. Lond. III 888B, a Greek loan contract of Nechouthes' father Pelaias alias Areios from 139-138 B.C., to the archive remains uncertain since it is equally possible that this contract was kept in the archive of his other son Patous (father of Pakoibis, see Vandorpe and Waebens, <i>Reconstructing Pathyris' Archives</i> (2009), §43).</p> <p>Nechouthes alias Almaphis, son of Pelaias, was a brother of Patous, son of Pelaias, whose documents have been preserved in the archive of his son Pakoibis (Vandorpe and Waebens, <i>Reconstructing Pathyris' Archives</i> (2009), §43). He belongs to a family of <i>agoranomoi</i>, whose members are well-known from other texts.<sup>1</sup></p> <p>In 132/131 B.C., Nechouthes wrote a petition concerning a lease problem (P. Cairo II 30976). An undated letter, written by a Psenenoupis and addressed to Nechouthes and his brother Pakoibis, also belongs to the archive (P. Bingen p. 190 [BM 45] descr.). According to the unpublished ostrakon O. Tempeleide p. 395 DO OI IN 6961, Pates, son of Nechouthes (reading uncertain), swore an oath to Nechouthes in 94/93 B.C.</p>

<sup>1</sup> P.W. Pestman, 'L'agoranomie: un avant-poste de l'administration grecque enlevé par les égyptiens', in H. Maehler and V. Strocka (edd.), *Das Ptolemäische Ägypten*, Mainz am Rhein 1978, p. 208.

**Family tree** Compare the archive of Pakoibis, son of Patous, see Vandorpe and Waebens, *Reconstructing Pathyris' Archives* (2009), §43.



**Archive texts** *Demotic papyri*: P. Cairo II 30975 + 30976 + 30987; *unpublished*: P. Bingen p. 190 [BM 45] descr.; *uncertain*: P. Lond. III 888B descr.

**Text types** Petition (1 demotic), letter (1 demotic); *uncertain*: loan contract (1 Greek); *related*: temple oath on ostrakon (1 demotic).